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Tom Dargoonian walks through one of several greenhouses that grow poinsettias on his family's farm on Blanchard Street. The family grows more than 10,000 pots of plants for the Christmas season.

## What's red and green and sold all over?

By Brian Messenger

Before the holidays each year, Tom Dargoonian of Dargoonian Greenhouses is always left seeing red.

Ten thousand pots of poinsettias will do that to you. Dargoonian raises the plants best known for their bright red hue in his 13 Andover greenhouses, before selling them off to various locations around the Merrimack Valley — nearly all of them, coincidentally, outside of town.

Thanks to the plant's steady rise in popularity throughout the last century, poinsettias are now considered a Christmas season staple and get major attention throughout the fall from business-

es like Dargoonian Greenhouses.

Poinsettia cuttings are transplanted into pots at Dargoonian Greenhouses during the first week in August. Between the months of August and December, neighbors begin to notice the bright red and green hues.

"Slowly and steadily we've been increasing in numbers," said Dargoonian of the number of poinsettia pots, "until we're pretty much maxed out in the greenhouses."

While he started out using only one greenhouse to nurture the plants, Dargoonian now uses all 13 on his property. The pots bloom just in time for the holidays. From there, Dargoonian sells the poin-

settias wholesale to local florists, supermarkets, farm stands and garden centers.

"I think it's the vibrant colors," said Dargoonian, whose been raising the plants for 35 years. "Poinsettias have become traditional Christmas plants."

"It's one of the longest crops that we have and one of the most expensive to raise," Dargoonian said.

Long before becoming a commercial success, poinsettias were used to make cosmetic and textile dyes by the Aztecs, as well as to treat fevers.

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EUGENE LOVELY FIELD

## Artificial turf eyed for AHS

By April Guilmet

A group of Andover residents is trying to raise at least \$600,000 to establish, at Andover High School, an artificial turf football field like the Patriots use.

Field Turf synthetic turf would replace the grass at Lovely Field, the high school football stadium. Similar surfaces have been installed by North Andover and Lowell High Schools.

Because muddy conditions make some of Andover's sports fields virtually unusable at times, parents and school officials believe even one artificial turf field could solve many of the problems with scheduling games and practices.

"Right now, the high school football field can't be used for practices at all. It's been completely torn up. This year it was so muddy we couldn't use it for field hockey or soccer either," said high school co-Athletics Director Dave Nichols.

Although it resembles the real thing, the "grass" on the synthetic turf does not need dirt — instead ground rubber helps serve as a base — making playing possible even in the wettest of weather. Should the synthetic turf be installed, mud and potholes on the field would be eliminated, say supporters.

"With a synthetic field, we'd have a place to hold all of our future games," Nichols said. "But we're trying to find a way to do this without costing our taxpayers. It's our hope that we can devise a system to help pay for it and get a lot more people to use it."

Andover resident David Geaslen said a private group has been raising money to pay for the synthetic turf. He said he's confident that the full cost of \$600,000 for the one field can be 100 percent privately funded.

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FOR MODERATOR

## A Doherty will run — Sheila, not Jim

By April Guilmet

Longtime Andover moderator James "Jim" Doherty will not run for reelection for the first time in nearly three decades. But his daughter will be on the ballot.

Sheila Doherty, a lifelong resident of Andover, has announced her intention to try to follow in her father's footsteps. The moderator runs Town Meeting and appoints members to the Finance Committee.

James Doherty has served as town moderator for the past 29 years.

Sheila Doherty said her decision to run for moderator has been many years in the making — and is with her father's blessings.

"He's definitely piqued my interest over the years. I'd never run against him — I'd lose anyway — but he's getting ready to let go of it now, and he's been a wonderful teacher," Doherty said.

The elder Doherty, who is 91, confirmed he would

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## Andoverite Fred Stott dies, mountain climber, advocate

By April Guilmet

When Frederic Stott turned 85, he wanted to do something special that year with his son. So he climbed a 4,000 foot mountain.

Known as "Mr. Andover" at Phillips Academy, where he worked for 31 years, Stott devoted his life to the mountains, to serving his country and to advocating for the community he loved.

He was awarded the Navy Cross for action on Saipan

during World War II, made a trek to the base of Mount Everest in 1965, and, during his 70s, followed and reported on the Iditarod dog sled race in Alaska. In 2004, Stott published a book of his memoirs, titled *On and Off the Trail: Seventy Years with the Appalachian Mountain Club*.

Stott died Friday, Dec. 1 at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, following complications from an abdominal aneurysm. He was 89. He had also been

diagnosed with cancer.

"He felt great right up until 24 hours before he died," said his wife, Susan Stott. "The [one] blessing of the cancer was we all got to say goodbye."

Stott shared the love of the outdoors with many. He and his first wife Nan made the trek to Mount Everest together. She died in 1981. When Fred and Susan Stott were married, they did so outside, atop Holt Hill, from where they could see the towers of Phillips Academy.

"He used to say, 'Susan, I know why I married you, but

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Frederic Stott



A private group of residents is looking to raise \$600,000 or more to replace the grass at Lovely Field with an artificial surface that will allow the field to be used more often.

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Local writes music for new Heatmiser movie remake

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Chris Cuomo, shown above in character, will appear in an NBC movie with John Goodman.

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# Town could charge more for leagues to play on turf



Proponents of replacing the grass at Andover High School's Lovely Field with an artificial surface say the field then could be used many more times each year.

## LOVELY FIELD

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Architects Gale Associates have already drafted plans, and were paid by such private donations.

Nichols hopes to begin construction on the fields sometime in June, when spring sports end.

A fields committee has been formed to discuss plans for the new playing field. The group also has discussed replacing another field, the field at the top of the hill behind the Richard Collins Field House. However, for now, it is focusing on replacing Lovely Field only.

Nichols said he'd previously considered attempting to get

Town Meeting to bond part of the field cost, but the current plan is to raise all the money privately.

"Some people in town might not agree on spending this money. This way we don't have to go through the whole process," Geaslen said. "We've already raised two thirds of what we need and expect to have the full amount raised by February."

Selectmen have not been approached yet about the idea, said Chairman Alex Vispoli. Nichols said the first goal is to raise the money independently, as was done with the recent construction of the new building at Lovely Field housing conces-

sions and tickets vending. After the money is raised, Nichols said supporters will have to obtain building and other town permits.

"We just haven't gotten that far yet," Nichols said.

He expects to meet with the field committee again next month.

### INCREASED FEES?

Nichols does not expect to raise the Andover High School sports fees that students pay to play on school teams.

But once the new field is completed, local groups, such as the Andover Junior Football League, could pay higher fees to rent the field.

"Fees for a synthetic field are somewhat higher than for a regular field," Nichols said.

But he noted that "mostly, we plan to be using this field for our own [school] teams."

A new field, he added, would allow teams a place to practice daily. He said the current field was not been available for use during the final three weeks of the fall season. Prior to that time, the field had been used quite a bit during evenings, when the weather cooperated.

"Right now though, we can't rent it out at all. We can't even practice on it," Nichols said. "It wreaks havoc on our schedule."

The field was so sloppy this year that varsity teams rarely used Lovely Field and the Powder Puff football game was played in the gym, said Geaslen, who has served as president of Andover Softball and on the boards of Andover Little League and the Andover Junior Football League. He argues that an artificial turf field would allow for both more high school teams and private organizations to use Lovely Field. During the week-end, community organizations such as Andover Junior Football could use the artificial turf field, freeing the grass fields.

## User praises surface

UMass Lowell: 'It works out very well'

The same type of artificial turf that could be installed at Andover High School's football field is already used by surrounding communities, including North Andover and Lowell.

Having installed Field Turf synthetic turf several years ago, University of Massachusetts Lowell facilities director Jean Robinson can't say enough about its benefits.

"It works out very well as far as giving us a durable surface for field hockey and soccer as well as track and other intermurals. And it's held up well," Robinson said.

Its built-in drainage system, she noted, has sand for drainage and rubber for absorbency, allowing athletes

to play in all kinds of weather.

Maintenance consists of grooming the field several times each year, an annual coat of paint and the standard enforcement of procedures. "You need to keep gum and soda off the field," Robinson said.

Although the price of the turf is an investment up front, she said the university spends less on it annually than it does on its grass soccer fields.

According to the Field Turf Web site, the artificial turf offers all the benefits of natural grass, but with fewer injuries to athletes, including a 50 percent reduction in head and spinal injuries, mainly due to superior traction.

—April Guilmet



Some residents have a goal of placing the latest generation of artificial turf at Lovely Field because field conditions can leave the field unavailable to teams for weeks at a time.

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Camera-ready advertising copy is due by Tuesday at noon.  
No cancellations honored after these deadlines.

## Climate change talk

Governor-elect Deval Patrick will join a panel of UMass Lowell experts on campus for US Rep. Marty Meehan's Town Meeting, "Climate Change and Health: A Public Discussion." The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in O'Leary Library, Room 222, 61 Wilder St., Lowell. It is free and open to the public.

"I believe Massachusetts' public universities hold the key to developing long-term solutions to global warming that improve public health and the economy," said Meehan in a release.

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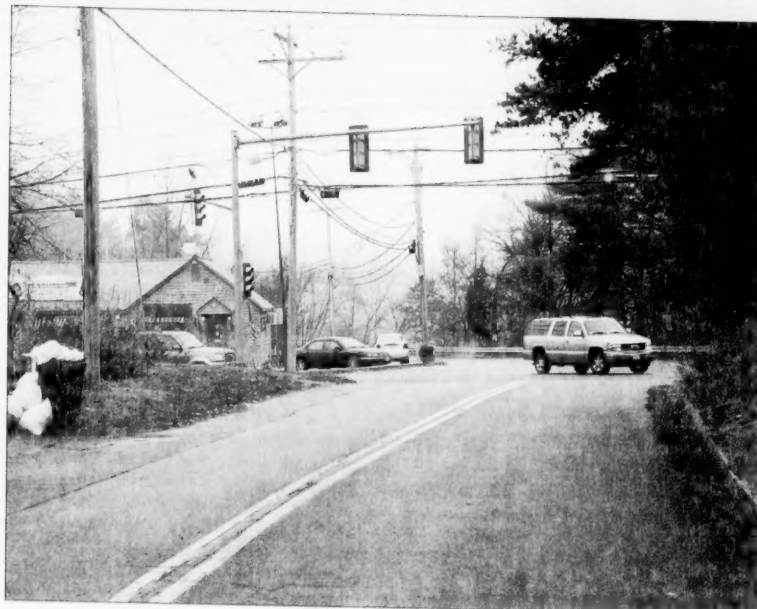
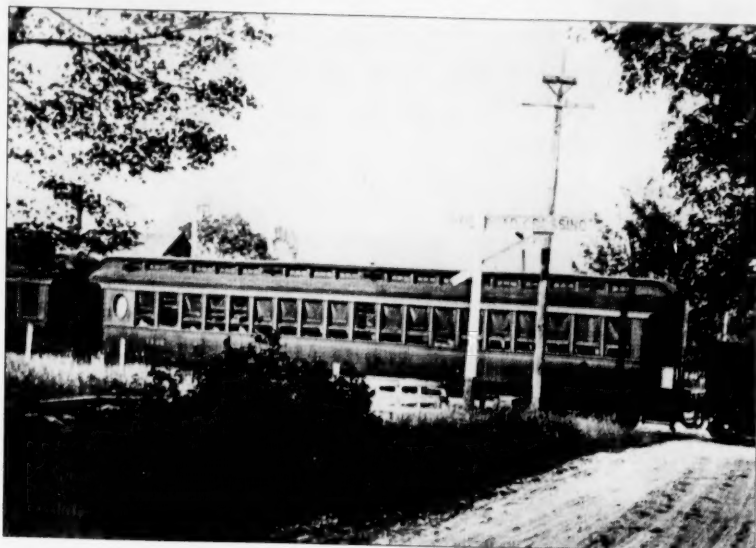
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## IN BRIEF

## PAST AND PRESENT



The top, undated photo shows a railroad crossing at the intersection of Haggetts Pond Road and Lowell Street in West Andover. The bottom photo shows the same general area today. Residents who have an older photo for this "Past and Present" feature are invited to stop by the paper or mail the photo and information to the *Townsmen* at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, MA 01810.

## Delay in stringing town's holiday lights

The holiday lighting of Main Street is about a week behind schedule, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

About half of the eventual 20 trees that will be lit up downtown have been completed, but the town was forced to terminate its original contract with an electrician responsible for the installation of the lights after he didn't perform up to task, said Stapczynski.

"He didn't show up on a timely basis," Stapczynski said. "We wanted to have it all in line for the Holiday Happenings on the first [of the month]."

A new contract was awarded to Andover Electric last week to complete the project.

— Brian Messenger

## Clothing drive

The clients of the Andover Respite program, a Department of Mental Health transitional group home for individuals with a serious mental illness, are running a clothing drive from now until Christmas. The clothing will be dispersed to area homeless shelters, according to a release. All donations can be dropped off at Andover Respite, 10 Lowell St., Andover.

Questions? Contact Eric King at 978-470-0561.

## Town census coming

The annual town census will be mailed to residents at the beginning of January.

Anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time should contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8257 so that they will not be dropped from the census rolls.

The town census is the only legal way that the town clerk of any municipality can verify residency. The town clerk's office says it is increasingly receiving requests for residency verification especially to prove residency for public school admittance. Also, all registered voters must verify residency each year to remain on the voter rolls per state law.

## PCCD hosts party

The Professional Center for Child Development is hosting a holiday party for the families it serves this Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon at West Parish Church's Fellowship Hall. Professional singer Brian Corcoran of Andover will lead the group in holiday and children's favorites starting and Santa will give out gifts to the children.

## Quote, unquote . . .

I'M EXCITED. I've never been a redhead before.

— A chuckling Briga Heelan on playing young Ebenezer Scrooge's estranged fiancée, Belle, in the North Shore Music Theatre's 18th annual production of *A Christmas Carol*. (Story in Arts, page 9)

## News Calendar

## Thursday, Dec. 7

School Committee, School Administration Building, school committee room, executive session, collective bargaining, 6 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, second floor, regular monthly meeting and deliberation, 7 p.m.

## Saturday, Dec. 9

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, deliberation, 9 p.m.

## Monday, Dec. 11

Board of Health, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 6 p.m. Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, Dec. 12

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Dec. 13

School Committee, School Administration Building, school committee room, executive session, collective bargaining, 5 p.m. Design Advisory Group, Town

Offices, first floor conference room, 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, Dec. 14

Triad, Andover Senior Center, 9:30 a.m.

## Monday, Dec. 18

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, Dec. 19

School Committee, School Administration Building, school committee room, executive session, collective bargaining, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

## Wednesday, Dec. 20

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, Dec. 28

Housing Trust Fund Board, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 4:30 p.m.

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, Activity Room, 7 p.m.

## Help out a tot at several Andover locations

This year, there are several Andover locations where residents can drop off gifts for the US Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Foundation.

Toys can be dropped off in Andover at the Bank of Southern New Hampshire, 12 Haverhill St.; Bright Horizons, 15 New England Business Center; Brookstone Square, 200 Brookstone Square; Dylan's Bar and Grill, 18 Park St.; Goyette Chiropractic Center, 16 Haverhill St.; Henry C. Sanborn Elementary School, 90 Lovejoy Road; Meritor-Children's World, 511 South Main St.; Phillips Academy, 254 South Main St.; Pink Looms and Poochie, 8 Chon-

gris Circle; and West Middle School, 70 Shawshen Road.

Toys for Tots needs donations for children up to 2 years of age and for ages 10 to 14. New, unwrapped toys around the \$10 or above price range are preferred. Financial donations are also welcome.

For more information, visit [www.toysfortotsma.org](http://www.toysfortotsma.org).

— Michelle Wiener

## Police handle 350-pound pigs left on Route 28

A pair of 350-pound pigs couldn't get to market without a hitch.

In fact, a busted trailer hitch caused their owner to leave the swines on the side of Route 28, North Main Street, for over an hour on Tuesday afternoon. The pigs were left alone in their cages as an Effingham, N.H. farmer departed the scene to get another trailer.

He left a note saying that he would return as soon as possible.

A North Main Street caller notified Andover police at 2:49 p.m. about the stranded animals.

Animal control officer Wayne Nader reported to the scene and identified the animals as two

very large pigs.

"What do we do with the pigs? That was the question," said Lt. Kevin Winters.

Police made arrangements for a tow truck to come and move the trailer, although they feared the cages holding the pigs might break open, due to their design, according to Winters.

Before the trailer was towed, the farmer returned to the scene. The farmer, who was bringing the pigs to auction before the incident occurred, was not cited for what Winters described as only "an equipment failure."

— Brian Messenger

"What do we do with the pigs? That was the question."

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## Winter parking ban in effect

Andover has begun its overnight winter parking ban. Cars should not be left on the street overnight, or they could be towed.

## Donate your old car, help skin cancer group

Individuals who would like their old cars removed from their yards, free of charge, or would like a quick alternative to selling their vehicles, have another option. Used vehicles are an essential source of funding to the Melanoma Education Foundation, a non-profit Peabody-based organization that trains wellness teachers and nurses about skin cancer and provides them with free materials to teach the subject to high and middle

school students.

The MEF SkinCheck curriculum is being used in more than 400 schools in New England, including Andover High School, according to the foundation. To donate a vehicle, contact Cars Helping America at 1-866-949-3668 and specify that you have a car to donate to the Melanoma Education Foundation. More information about the foundation is available at [www.skincheck.org](http://www.skincheck.org).

## Correction

Last week's article in Education — "Cost-effective all-day K classes?" — incorrectly described a proposal by Schools Business Manager Evan Katz. Due to a reporting error, the story incorrectly reported that Katz proposed that if a school could not fill two all-day kindergarten classes of 20 students each, it should only offer one class.

While Katz proposed the idea of establishing a minimum class size for all-day kindergarten, he never recommended a specific minimum class size.

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By next week, Tom Dargoonian hopes to have sold all 10,000 of the classic holiday plants he raised in Andover.

## 10,000 poinsettias hit market

■ DARGOONIAN

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Despite a common myth claiming the contrary, the plants are not poisonous to humans, although the milky white sap extracted from the leaves can cause skin irritation. The bright red color that characterizes the plants comes from its leaves and not the flowers.

The plant, native to Mexico, was introduced in the United States by Joel Roberts Poinsett in the early 1800s.

Poinsett, the first American ambassador to Mexico (1825-

1829) and also the founder of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., brought the plant north of the border after a trip to the southern portion of the country in 1828.

Poinsettias were marketed throughout the first half of the 1900s as the ideal holiday plant by Paul Ecke, whose father founded a ranch just outside of Hollywood, Calif. at the turn of the century.

Today, the Paul Ecke Ranch is responsible for nearly three-quarters of poinsettias sold wholesale nationwide.

Dargoonian said he gets his cuttings from a New Hampshire grower, but must still pay a royalty fee for the patented plant, which through genetic innovations has been enhanced over the years to increase its appeal.

Dec. 12 marks the day set aside to recognize the beauty of the brightly colored poinsettia, now so closely associated with the holidays. But if Tom Dargoonian gets his wish, he'll celebrate National Poinsettia Day without any of the festive plants left in his greenhouses. "They sell really well," he said.

## Deja vu on Main Street

### Project delayed again by state

By Brian Messenger

The state is not seeking bids yet for the long-awaited Main Street reconstruction project, a move that will more than likely prevent the beginning of construction until at least the summer of 2007.

The state- and town-funded project, which promised to upgrade both traffic and pedestrian flow on Route 28 while also giving the downtown area a facelift, was originally expected to be put out to bid in November. But without the passage of a transportation bond bill by both the legislature and the governor, funding for the \$3.35 million project did not become available. Bidding is now postponed until March 28.

"We're in a holding pattern," said Andover's Main Street Committee Chairman Cliff Markell earlier this week. "Once the money becomes available for the state, the state will start working on it."

The reason for the delay is characterized as a "cash flow issue" by the state's Executive Office of Transportation. Press secretary John Carlisle said that while multiple communities across the Commonwealth are being affected by the March 28 extension to resume bidding, the state will be able to move forward with the delayed projects soon. It's matter of management and timing, he said.

"Given the fact that we're entering the winter, we're saying it's not having a huge effect," said Carlisle, noting that if the bond bill is passed before March 28, projects will likely resume during next summer's construction season.

"We're not happy on our end. I'm not pleased about it," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "It's not what we wanted to hear... We want to get this thing moving."

State Sen. Sue Tucker also voiced her displeasure with the state's decision.

"It's very disappointing that MassHighway postponed this project because so many people have put so much time and energy into this," she said. "It was ready to go. It appears that it is a

funding issue."

Calling downtown Andover "in desperate need of an update," Tucker said there are certain times when traffic on Route 28 in the downtown area can resemble Boston more than a small New England town.

Tucker said she'll work with other area legislators to find a remedy.

"I have not given up trying to get some funding from MassHighway to move this forward," Tucker said. "It has dragged on for a very long time. One of my priorities is to get this started."

"It's been a long process and I think people are anticipating the project," said Lisa Schwarz, Andover's senior planner and the liaison for the Main Street Committee.

Typically, said Schwarz, there are four to eight weeks between the conclusion of construction bidding and the actual start of construction, with the signing of documents and an insurance review needed before a project can start.

"Getting transportation dollars, in general, has not been easy," said State Rep. Barry Finegold.

Finegold, recently frustrated with a separate delay of a transportation project, wrote a letter to Gov. Mitt Romney, Governor-elect Deval Patrick, the MBTA and others on Nov. 30 protesting the recent state decision to design a \$264 million tunnel that would connect the MBTA's Red Line and Blue Line in downtown Boston.

With design costs for the tunnel already estimated at \$30 mil-

lion, Finegold wrote that the people of the Greater Lawrence area aren't getting their fair share of transportation funding because a much smaller project, the completion of double-tracking in Andover on the Haverhill-to-Boston commuter rail line, has been ignored for years.

Finegold estimated that it would cost between \$10 million and \$15 million to complete the double tracking, which would increase the number of commuter trains available and decrease pollution from cars.

"All of us here in the Merrimack Valley are kind of playing second fiddle again," said Finegold.

"We were told for the last 10 to 12 years that the Big Dig's taking all the money," he said. "I'm very frustrated and I think the people of Andover should be frustrated. We've paid the price."

Several town officials and those involved with the Main Street Committee also suspected that continued costs geared towards Big Dig repairs have hurt the area's chances at receiving funding for transportation projects.

"I think part of it is that the Big Dig stretched on," said Markell. "They thought they'd be done, but they're not."

But Carlisle said the Big Dig was not the reason for project delays. "Right now, we are spending more on road and bridge projects than ever before in our history," he said. "And that's outside of the Big Dig."

When asked if she thought the Big Dig was the reason for the state's decision to delay project bidding, Tucker said, "I think it's a convenient line that has some truth to it."

## Solar powered compactor may crunch trash issues

Andover has a new strategy to keep the streets trash-free, and it's called the Big Belly.

Big Belly, a solar-powered trash compactor, has been placed in front of Old Town Hall on Main Street as part of a 30-day trial granted to the Department of Public Works to try the machine out, according to Sandy Gerraughty, Public Works business manager.

Described by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski as "about the size of a washing machine [or US] mailbox," the bright green Big Belly boasts the capability of storing up to five times as much trash,

as well as saving on the fuel costs derived from town workers emptying receptacles on a more frequent basis.

"If it's as successful as everybody says they are, we'll buy one," Stapczynski told selectmen on Dec. 4.

Purchasing a Big Belly could cost the town nothing thanks to grants for energy conservation, he said. If all goes to plan, residents could expect to see more compactors on Main Street and at school sites.

— Brian Messenger

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## POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - At 2:31 a.m., Reade Scotti, 37, of 311 Lowell St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 1:53 p.m., Angel Brito, 28, of 55 Dana St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with providing a false name/address to police, a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation, operating an uninspected motor vehicle, and driving with a revoked license from a driving-under-the-influence conviction.

Friday, Dec. 1 - At 2:57 p.m., Dennis Marr, 39, of 12 Monarch St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 10:52 p.m., Allen Incollingo, 54, of 53 Palermo St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Saturday, Dec. 2 - At 3:58 p.m., George Moreau, 54, of 19 Reservoir, Methuen, was arrested on warrant for a marked lanes violation and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - At 7:42 a.m., John Brewer, 57, of 25 Yardley Road, was arrested and charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle and operating under the influence of drugs.

At 11:58 a.m., Michelle Chavis, 20, of 906 East John St., Seattle, Wash., was arrested and charged with sexual conduct for a fee.

## INCIDENTS

Saturday, Dec. 2 - At 1:09 p.m., a caller on Greenwood Road reported a white pickup truck with two male passengers driving erratically and throwing paintballs at people and vehicles. An officer reported speaking to both parties on High Plain Road, and was told by them they were throwing paintballs at each other from car to car and would go down to the station to fully explain what had happened.

## THEFTS

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - At 3:41 p.m., an officer reported a theft of generators from the tree lot at the Shawsheen Road skate park behind

West Middle School. A detective went to the scene to take pictures.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - At 11 a.m., an Appletree Lane resident reported reflectors on his property had been stolen twice in one week.

At 2:46 p.m., an employee of the Andover Gift Shop on North Main Street reported a 15-year-old female shoplifter.

## BREAKS

Monday, Dec. 4 - At 12:58 p.m., an Oriole Drive resident reported two males had just broken into and robbed her home while she was asleep.

## AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - At 7:37 p.m., a man on River Road reported a break into his sports utility vehicle. At 8:03 and 8:04 p.m., two motor vehicles were broken into on River Road and laptop computers were stolen from each.

Friday, Dec. 1 - At 3:57 p.m., a student on Shawsheen Road asked to speak to an officer about vandalism to his motor vehicle.

Sunday, Dec. 3 - At 10:12 a.m., an Andover Inn employee reported a guest's rental car had been broken into during the previous night.

Monday, Dec. 4 - At 8:39 a.m., a Sugarbush Lane man reported several items had been taken from his vehicle during the previous night.

At 10:58 a.m., a Gemini Circle resident reported that his motor vehicle had been broken into.

At 11:04 a.m., a Pepperidge Circle resident reported that her motor vehicle had been vandalized and money taken from one of her bags.

At 9:12 p.m., a Sugarbush Lane resident reported his laptop computer had been stolen from his motor vehicle during the previous night.

## AUTO ACCIDENTS

Monday, Dec. 4 - At 1:54 p.m., a caller reported that a motor vehicle had struck a pedestrian on North Main Street.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - At 7:25 p.m., a motorist came to the station with a pedestrian he struck on High and Elm streets who was complaining of discomfort in one of his calves.

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## NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

## State wants more Andover focus on special needs

By April Guilmet

Two groups of Andover special needs students did not meet target scores for this year's Adequate Yearly Progress in accordance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The 2006 MCAS test results were announced during the Nov. 28 School Committee meeting.

"Special education in grades 3 through 5 is an area we need to pay attention to," said assistant superintendent Marcia Adams O'Neil.

Adequate Yearly Progress determinations are made separately for English language arts and for mathematics.

However, a school district is identified as being in need of improvement only if it fails to make AYP in the same subject for the same level for two consecutive years. The scores are based on a 100 point index.

"Perhaps we need to find more time for these students. What do we need to do to meet their needs?" said O'Neil.

In English language arts, Andover's students fared extremely well, with the exception of special needs students in grades 3 through 5. While the target score was 80.5, the district average was 94.1. However, special needs students in grades 3 through 5 scored an average of 77.9.

For mathematics, the district-wide target score was 68.7, while the district's average score was 89.7. But again, special education students - this time in grades 6 through 8 - fell somewhat short with an

average of 65.7.

Both of these groups met the composite in 2005. O'Neil said, although back in 2004, one of the middle school special education groups fell below target in mathematics.

To ensure that all of Andover's students progress to the best of their abilities, teams have been formed at each school to analyze the problems, and academic support programs are in place. O'Neil said high school students who didn't pass the test last spring had the opportunity to retake the test in November.

"And other recommendations will come through the councils as we go on," she said.

Under No Child Left Behind Act, enacted in January 2002, all schools are expected to be scoring 100 percent in all areas of education by 2014. The performance benchmarks will be raised every two years between now and then in the areas of math and language arts.

School Committee member Richard Collins expressed concern for the district's highest achievers.

"What about the kids who are on top now? Do they just stay there? And do we expect kids of lower ability to catch up with those kids on top? I don't think so," he said.

O'Neil assured him that the district's most gifted should continue to prosper. "We won't let those kids rest. We have so many challenging programs for them. We set our standards quite high," O'Neil said.

## ON NBC

## Local writes music for redone Heatmiser movie

By April Guilmet

Andover musician Chris Cuomo's anti-holiday anthem may soon make him a household name.

When the new live-action remake of *The Year Without a Santa Claus* airs on NBC next week, Cuomo said he will be the one in punk rock garb, singing a catchy little ditty called "Santa S-cks."

The original, stop-motion animated *The Year Without a Santa Claus* is a cult classic made famous by the characters Heatmiser and Snowmiser. Mickey Rooney was the voice of Santa Claus. The new version will feature John Goodman of *Rosanne* fame as Santa.

Cuomo's involvement all began many months ago, when his sister, Afton, who lives in Los Angeles, had a chance encounter with a veteran scriptwriter. Employed as a nanny, Afton struck up a conversation with a parent while waiting in line to pick up the children. "Later she saw him at the park," Cuomo said. It was none other than Larry Wilson, who's written scripts for films such as *Beetlejuice* and the latest *Addams Family* movie, among others.

"She gave him one of my CDs and he really liked it," Cuomo said.

Eight months later, Wilson called and asked him for help with his latest project: a live-action film based on the stop-motion animated Christmas classic where Santa almost doesn't deliver on Christmas because he thinks no one believes in him anymore.

Wilson wanted Cuomo to remake the *Heatmiser* and *Snowmiser* songs. But the story's original songwriter had other ideas.

"The director and producer loved my songs, but the guy who wrote the originals said, 'No.' I guess I gave them too much of a rock-and-roll feel," Cuomo said. In the end, the director went with songs more true to the originals, while Cuomo wrote in a song called "Santa S-cks," along with another song for the film's boxing scene, he said. After sending in his head shot, Cuomo himself was selected to lip sync along to his song.

A 2005 graduate of Berkeley College of Music in Boston, Cuomo said he is working on another song for one of Wilson's new scripts. But that doesn't mean Hollywood is calling Cuomo - not yet, anyway. A member of the Boston-based band The Animal Closet, his immediate plans are closer to home, he said.

"I'm still young," Cuomo said. "And right now, I don't want to sit around a studio 365 days a year."

*The Year Without a Santa Claus* airs on NBC, Dec. 11 at 9 p.m.



Chris Cuomo, shown above in character, said he was asked to revise songs made famous to a generation of kids.

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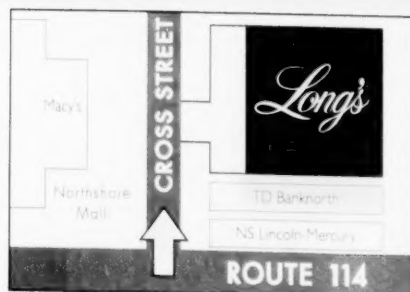
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# Finalists for next Andover Fire Chief include deputy

By Brian Messenger

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has whittled down a field of 32 fire-chief applicants to two finalists.

With the current chief of the Andover Fire and Rescue Department, Chuck Murnane, planning to retire this winter, resumes were collected by the town in early September to find Murnane's replacement.

Stapczynski is in charge of the hiring process, but selectmen must confirm his appointment.

The two remaining candidates are current Andover Fire Deputy James Dolan, a Lowell resident and department veteran of 16 years, and Michael Mansfield, currently an assistant fire chief with the Nashua, N.H. Fire Rescue Department.

Stapczynski, who is reviewing the finalists' references, said he hopes to decide by the end of the month, if not earlier.

"These two candidates, out of all of them, had a good blend of experience, education, and technical knowledge," he said. "They've experienced the knowledge of the job, administrative experience, leadership experience, they understand community service, customer service — factors that are impor-

## Outgoing chief: Report too critical of union

By Brian Messenger

Andover Fire Chief Chuck Murnane agrees with many of the recommendations issued to selectmen last month in an independent report evaluating his department.

But Murnane doesn't agree with how the 170-page report, given by the New Hampshire-based Municipal Resources Inc., portrays Andover Fire union members.

Murnane, who has plans to retire this winter, is currently the only non-union member in the Andover Fire Department.

The report, formally presented to selectmen on Nov. 20, characterized Murnane's four deputy chiefs as "agents of the union," and said the department is "hamstrung" by its contract with the firefighters' union.

"Do I think it could have been worded a little better? Yeah," said Murnane. "It made it sound to some people that we're in it for ourselves, and it's really not the case."

The town's most recent contract with the firefighters' union expired on June 30, 2004. Because a new agreement has yet to be negotiated, the conditions of the expired contract remain in effect.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said he will know by early next week when the town and union will meet to continue contract talks. The last several meetings have

been arbitrated by the state's Joint Labor Management Committee.

"Across the state, the fire services have become very unionized," said Stapczynski. "I think that creates problems managing the fire services and I think that creates problems in this town."

Murnane said he wouldn't trade his four deputies, Lincoln Clark, Al DelDotto, James Dolan, and Richard Hartman, for any other group of firefighters, but also said, "Something has to change with negotiations."

"It just can't go on like this year after year," said Murnane. "Both sides will lay the blame on the other. It's easy for me to say, because I'm leaving."

Stapczynski said the report has been helpful as the town looks to hire a new fire chief.

"It helped us develop a profile that we used to screen the candidates," he said.

Murnane said the hardest part of his job over the years has been the stalled contract negotiations with the union.

"That's my biggest disappointment as chief is going through the negotiation process," he said. "I'd certainly like to see a much better relationship between the union and management. It's become strained at

times."

In defense of the union, the current chief said the department is "only hamstrung by what the town has given them."

But Murnane was quick to commend the town, too.

"The town has been very good to us," he said, "giving us the tools we need."

Included in the report was the suggestion to equip fire department vehicles with computer terminals similar to those the police department uses.

"That's a huge tool. That's something we should have had in the past," agreed Murnane.

He also agreed with the report's contentions that building a fourth fire station is not necessary and an on-union assistant chief position should be adopted.

"I do think that's fair to the union and I think it's fair to the person that's going to be in the [chief] position," Murnane said. "I think the union's OK with that too."

Union President Thomas Agnew was unavailable for comment for this article.

As for the report's recommendation of adding more than 10 additional positions, Murnane said that wasn't news to anyone involved with the department. "Overall, manpower wise, I agree with it," he said.

[I will] be somebody coming in from the outside that certainly doesn't have any biases," said Mansfield. "I think that in itself says a lot."

Dolan said his lengthy experience as an Andover firefighter has allowed him to know the current staff and the town itself.

"I know their strengths and their weaknesses and areas that we need to work on and areas that we need to keep on doing the work we're doing," he said.

"I would say my strength versus his would be my familiarity with the town of Andover," said Dolan in reference to Mansfield. "The policies and procedures within the town ... How the system works and doesn't work."

Mansfield said he was confident that if given a short amount of time, he would be able to size up where improvement is needed.

"The first thing I will try to bring is strong leadership skills, and a willingness to listen to all parties involved to try to solve some of the issues experienced within the organization, and to try to solve some of those issues," Mansfield said.

When asked how they would approach the stalled contract negotiations between the firefighters' union and town management, both candidates said they would take a level-headed approach to the negotiating table if an agreement has not reached by the time they are in charge.

"I've been on both sides of the negotiating table in my position in Nashua," said Mansfield, adding that after 27 years of negotiating experience his aim would be to, "Get both sides talking."

Dolan — who called a recent report's suggestion that three of Andover's four deputy fire chiefs had asked for overtime pay to participate in a departmental review "erroneous" — had a similar viewpoint.

"I would hope to bring the two sides together," he said. "I think that would be my objective. To bring the parties together and find some middle ground."

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# Opinion

## REMEMBERING FRED STOTT

### An Andover life well lived

ANYONE WHO wants to lead a full life would do well to follow the example of "Mr. Andover," Fred Stott, who died Friday, Dec. 1 at age 89. To even the casual observer, his was a remarkable existence. He spent both his professional and personal time enjoying and bettering the causes he cared about most: outdoor recreation, education and democracy.

His commitment was obvious. When he fought in World War II, he was presented with the Navy Cross, the second highest military award after the Congressional Medal of Honor. After a career as secretary of the academy at prestigious Phillips Academy, he was given the title of "Mr. Andover." For his nearly lifelong service to the Appalachian Mountain Club he was given its Lifetime Achievement award in 2000.

Fred Stott might be best known for his love of and support of the mountains and the outdoors. In 1965, well before such journeys became more common, he made a trek to the base of Mount Everest. When most people his age were heading to Florida in the 1990s, he was heading to Alaska. Four times during that decade, he covered the famous Iditarod dog sled race.

His interest in the Iditarod went beyond his fondness for nature, sport and canines. It hit his desire for fairness. "He always liked the idea that the Iditarod was really a level playing field between men and women," said Susan Stott, his wife, who was 24 years his junior. "When we got married someone made the comment to me, 'Are you sure you want to do this? You might only have 10 years [together]. We had 25. I'm not complaining,'" she said.

Anyone who could duplicate the type of life Fred Stott pursued would have little reason to complain either. His approach on the path of life is an example we all could follow.

## Web question

### Artificial turf at Andover High?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question asked: What do you think of the suggestion to eliminate one of an elementary school's two all-day kindergarten classes if both classes aren't filled to capacity? 27 people responded.

- 8 people, or 20 percent, said "It's a good idea because it will save money in the school budget."

- 4 people, or 15 percent, said "It's a bad idea because it's an optional program."

- 6 people, or 22 percent, said "It's a bad idea because kids will miss out if the lottery system is adopted."

- 8 people, or 30 percent, said "It's a bad idea; reducing fees would draw more people to the program and let it pay for itself."

- 1 person, or 4 percent, were undecided.

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: **Should Andover High School install artificial turf on Lovely Field, using donated money?**

- Yes. A no-brainer. The donated field would make it easier to schedule games and practices.

- Yes, the new field would help eliminate slipping and falling injuries.

- Yes, for another reason.

- No, we should stick with traditional grass fields.

- No, there are more worthy projects for donors to support.

- No, for another reason.

- Not sure.

To vote, surf to [www.andovertownsman.com](http://www.andovertownsman.com).

## LETTERS POLICY

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The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Letters should be received by the *Townsman* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. Letters sent by e-mail should be sent to Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsman.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsman.com), and included in the body of an e-mail, not as e-mail attachments.

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## HAPPENSTANCE



Bonnie Domigan, 18, plays the viola with the Free Christian Church Choir at Old Town Hall during Holiday Happenings in downtown Andover last Friday night.

## LETTERS

### AFTER THE FLOOD

#### 'Garage guys' help people back on their feet

Editor, *Townsman*:

I am one of 58 residents at Washington Park Condominiums who was flooded out of my home in May. I was able to save my furniture and most of my personal belongings, which have been stored in a pod outside my home.

After six long months of rebuilding I am finally back home.

As moving day approached I became a bit nervous. I wondered how I would move everything back into my home. All my worries stopped with the help of "The Garage Guys," a group of men from Free Christian Church on Elm Street. They are the nicest group of men I've encountered in a long time and made my moving day a joy. Not only did they move everything back into my home, they returned on a second day and hung pictures and unpacked boxes all the while with a smile on their face and a few jokes to ease my nerves.

I am grateful for all their help and generosity.

Julie Messina

60A Washington Park Drive

### For Fred Stott

Editor, *Townsman*:

There are times when the day seems to be marked by its beginnings and other days when the sunset and the end of the day hold all the power. Today we learned that a citizen of the world and mostly the pride of Andover, Fred Stott died peacefully in his sleep. Some people live their lives with unabashed gusto to the amazement and delight of others, with their colorful experience, commentary, and adventures. Thus was the case with Fred. He was passionate for the causes he believed in, among them the environment, the Iditarod, the Appalachian Trail and politics.

The latter was the passion which occasioned our connection. Fred was the first to sign on for the Committee to Elect John O'Brien to the state senate in 1992, as finance chairman no less. He was tireless in his commitment and in his support of John for State Senate. For that we will be forever grateful. We last saw Fred just one week before he died. His passion and colorful discourse belied his age and condition. We will always remember that evening and will always remember Fred as a bright and shining example of a life well lived!

Kathleen and John O'Brien  
Paoli, Pa.

### Even after 29 years, there's little to attack on Doherty

Editor, *Townsman*:

In 1977 James "Jim" Doherty was first elected moderator of the Andover Town Meeting and he has been elected as moderator for 29 consecutive years. For decades I have observed his meticulous preparation by meeting with the Finance Committee, selectmen, and town boards to properly understand all the articles, and anticipate any problems or amendments that he may encounter on the Town Meeting floor. He has done so with integrity, honor and the surprising clarity and energy of a 40-year-old. For three decades, Doherty has brought an integrity, honesty, warmth, quick wit, absolute professionalism, and a unique sense of history to Town Meeting. His love for the town is unquestionable and his impeccable record speaks for itself.

After all these years of outstanding public service, David

Samuels believes he may have found the one thing that has tarnished Jim Doherty's reputation, the safety of grammar school children. Is that all there is? After 30 years of accomplishments, an unblemished record, and thousands and thousands of hours of public service, Doherty should be praised, not criticized. He especially should not be criticized for advocating the safety of the children of Andover. Do the parents of these private school children pay any less real estate taxes? Do the parents of these children pay private school tuition and relieve the school tax burden for all of us? Crossing guards assist in the safety of children all over town; do these children deserve to be any less safe? Samuels wrote a letter to the *Townsman* accusing elected officials of "moving public money to their own private organizations." The safety of even one

child, in private or public school, should never, ever be compromised.

If the safety of children is Samuels' only criticism of Doherty (as unfounded as it is) then we all should applaud and honor Doherty's 30 years of commitment to Andover. Samuels' inference that Doherty has not been progressive, honest, fair, impartial and unbiased in his tenure is nothing short of ridiculous.

I, like so many other citizens of Andover, honor Doherty's accomplishments and support his position that all children should be afforded the same level of safety from their town. Samuels should not try to use the safety of our school children to further his political ambitions, and, as a School Committee member, he should know that.

Paul J. Salafia  
South Main Street

### Have students read newspapers

Editor, *Townsman*:

It was interesting to me and not just a little disconcerting to read teacher Patrick Patterson's comments about why he (and presumably others) wanted the Wheels of Justice tour to come to the school.

He wants to connect for his students the examples of Chinese and Mongolian societies with the Palestinians and Israel in his classes. He hopes to change the way we view the Middle East in general, and the occupied territories in particular.

I don't know. Is it me, or is this guy advocating turning our backs on Israel, the only true democracy in the region, and throwing our support behind people who, by more than one account, cheered when they saw video of the twin towers falling on 9/11?

I give Patterson credit for

wanting to show all sides of an issue. It seems to me, however, that he's ignorant of what's happening in the United States. He writes that the nonviolent view is little heard in this country. I hear that view all the time, whether it's preached to us by the entertainment industry or it's a message delivered to Congress last month via the ballot box.

Instead of bringing in people like the Wheels of Justice tour, how about assigning to students that they read online the English language newspapers from the region? Every country in the Middle East has at least one, and I find it's a great way to take the pulse of what's going on there without having it filtered one way or another by Western news outlets.

Michael Epstein  
Lawrence

### Philistine culture

Editor, *Townsman*:

As the parent of two Andover High graduates and as an educator who works in public and private education, I am appalled at the Andover Public School administration's treatment of the six teachers who planned on bringing the pacifist group Wheels of Justice to speak at Andover High School.

Since the teachers also planned on bringing in speakers with opposing points of view, where one stands on the Palestinian/state of Israel question has nothing to do with this controversy.

When my children attended AHS in the 1990s, free speech, diversity of opinion, and intellectual vibrancy were not only supported but encouraged by school administrators. Sadly, those days seemed to have been replaced by the philistine culture of this current administration.

Lou Bernieri  
16 Abbot St.

## THE THURSDAY FILE

How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.

ANNIE DILLARD

You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself.

ALAN ALDA

It is only possible to live happily ever after on a day-to-day basis.

MARGARET BONNANO

What other people think of you is none of your business.

PAULINE HART

Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year. It is today that we fit ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. Today is the seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes the harvest and the playtime.

W.E.B. Du Bois

I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I intended to be.

DOUGLAS ADAMS

Don't be afraid to try something new. Amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Thursday, Dec. 7

**City of Lawrence Christmas Tree Lighting**, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. Includes Mayor Sullivan, Santa, city officials and members of Lawrence High School Girls Ensemble. All welcome.

**SHED/Kid's Club Annual Holiday Shopping Night**, 7 to 9 p.m. at 65 Phillips St., Andover. Admission \$2. Includes vendors, silent auction and refreshments. Call Dina Hurley or Linda Shottes-Bouchard at 978-623-8462.

**Amy Sedaris Night**, 7 p.m. Includes holiday tips, decorating and recipe swaps. Free; all welcome. Borders Books at The Loop, Methuen. 978-689-1999.

### Friday, Dec. 8

**Holiday Craft Fair**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court. Includes evergreen arrangements, holiday plants, bake table, Christmas crafts, gift items and seasonal decorations. All welcome. 978-623-8321.

**Victorian Ornament Workshop**, 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 7 to 12 at North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road. Admission is \$5 members; \$7 non-members. Reservations suggested. Call 978-686-4035.

**Shawsheen School Holiday Boutique**, 4 to 8 p.m. at Andover Town Hall. Entry fee \$1, includes raffle ticket. Features more than 25 vendors. Proceeds benefit Shawsheen School PTO.

### Andover Chamber Music Series

**Holiday Concert**, 5 p.m. at South Church, Andover. Concert features all Bach and soloists Irina Muresanu and Juliette Kang. Tickets \$30. Call 978-474-6222 or [www.andoverchamber-music.org](http://www.andoverchamber-music.org).

**Third Annual Festival of Lights**, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Andover/North Andover YMCA Branch, 165 Andover St., Andover. Includes crafts, games and songs exploring traditions around the world. Cost per family: YMCA Family members \$8; general members \$10; and non-members \$12. 978-685-3541.

**Kabbalat Shabbat Unplugged Service**, 6 p.m. at Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond road. Led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein and Idan Irelander, accompanied by a variety of professional musicians. Features music and prose. All welcome. [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net) or 978-470-1356.

**Holiday storytelling event**, 7 p.m. at Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St. Features six storytellers from Andover. Free; all welcome. 978-475-0143.

**19th annual holiday concert**, 7 p.m. with Phillips Academy Music Department, featuring excerpts from Handel's "Messiah." Admission \$5 general. Benefits Neighbors in Need and Merrimack Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. Seniors and students admitted with donation of nonperishable or canned food. Cochran

Chapel, 180 Main St., Andover. 978-749-4263 or e-mail [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu).

**Nutcracker** ballet performance, 7:30 p.m. with New England Civic Ballet company. Tickets \$22 adults; \$20 seniors and children. Rogers Center, Merrimack College campus, North Andover. Call 978-975-0289.

**Sixth Annual Christmas Concert**, 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Music Hall, 129 Broadway, Methuen. "Songs for the Season" with the Merrimack Valley Players. Tickets \$20 for adults; \$18 seniors and children under 12. 603-893-6626.

### Saturday, Dec. 9

**Craft fair**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at J.T. Hood Elementary School, 298 Haverhill St., North Reading.

**Concert**, Patty Larkin performs at

Crossroads Coffeehouse, with Merrie Amstergburg opening. Crossroads is on the second floor of Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover. Tickets for this show are \$20. Advance ticket purchases are available. Tickets are also available at the door; doors open at 7:15, concert starts at 8. Call 978-687-3960 (or 978-687-7948 evening of the concert) or visit [www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org](http://www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org).

**Local Authors Holiday Gathering and Book Sale**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Haverhill Public Library's Johnson Auditorium, 99 Main St. For information, call Chris Obert at 978-372-5825 or Coralie Hughes Jensen at 978-557-9024.

**Sugar and Spice Weekend**, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell. Includes 13 open artist studios. 978-459-7819.

**Christmas carols with New England Classical Singers**, 11:30 a.m. at Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St. Free; all welcome. 978-475-0143.

**Balmoral Holiday Tour**, noon to 5 p.m. at 16 Balmoral St., Andover. Admission is \$15 and benefits the Flood Disaster Fund. Call Judy McFadden at 978-986-7108.

**Holiday festivities**, 1 to 3 p.m., including hayrides and music by Ski and The 99-ers at The Loop, Methuen. Donations will benefit Pentucket Peoples Foundation.

**Tiny Tunes! Holiday Party**, a local music education program for children, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Live musical performances by Tiny Tunes! staff and holiday sing-along, visit from Santa, and local vendors. Admission \$10. Call 978-475-3148.

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"I've always harbored an interest in film acting and there'll be more opportunities to be exposed to film there, as well as to direct and still do musical theater. I really like the freedom this program offers."

BRIGA HEELAN, WHO WILL MAJOR IN THEATER AT USC



**WHAT:** 18th anniversary production of *A Christmas Carol: A Musical Ghost Story*.

**WHERE:** North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly

**WHEN:** Through Dec. 24, with performances scheduled Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.; and on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

**HOW MUCH:** Tickets are priced from \$35 to \$70. For reservations call 978-232-7200 or visit [www.nsmat.org](http://www.nsmat.org).

North Shore Music Theatre's 18th annual production of *A Christmas Carol*

## Her dreams are happier than those of old Ebenezer

By April A. Guilmet

**B**RIGA HEELAN will be proposed to and endure a bad break-up during December — on a nightly basis.

It's all part of the young actress's latest role as young Ebenezer Scrooge's estranged fiancée, Belle, in the North Shore Music Theatre's 18th annual production of *A Christmas Carol*.

But for Heelan, it's just another step towards her dream of an acting and film career.

The 19-year-old Andover native began that dream at age 10, when she played Becky Thatcher in her school's production of *Tom Sawyer*.

"But my parents both have a theater background, so it [acting] was always in the household," Heelan said.

Since landing her role, her days have consisted of grueling rehearsals, which typically run from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fortunately, she loves what she does. And she's pretty satisfied with the striking red wig she'll don for her role, too.

"I'm excited, I've never been a redhead before," Heelan said with a chuckle.

Heelan has been involved with the North Shore Music Theatre since the ninth grade when she attended the theater's Youth Performance Academy summer program.

"The education programs were open to anyone, but you have to audition for roles," Heelan said.

Since then, she's been in the cast of many productions, including *Once on This Island*, *Godspell Junior*, *Pop! The Musical*, and *Rugtime: School Edition*.

A graduate of the Walnut Hill School, a high school for the arts in Natick, Heelan attended the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

During the several semesters she spent there, she performed



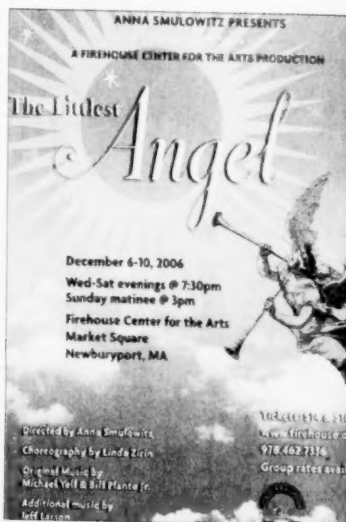
Briga Heelan, of Andover, as Meg, the wife of Scrooge's nephew Fred (played by Mark Aldrich) from North Shore Music Theatre's production of *A Christmas Carol*. Heelan plays two roles, Belle and Meg.

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Tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m., Susan Lenoe (center) will host a holiday storytelling event at the Andover Bookstore, 89-R Main St. From left, Lani Peterson, Jane Gossard, Lenoe, Nicolette Heavey and Magdalen Cantwell, along with Sandra Hitchens (not in photo), will share stories of the season. The Andover Bookstore invites townspeople to sit beside the glow of the fireplace and join in the fun. There is a CD available with these Andover storytellers sharing holiday tales. The free event is open to the public. Call 978-475-0143.

## THE LITTLEST ANGEL



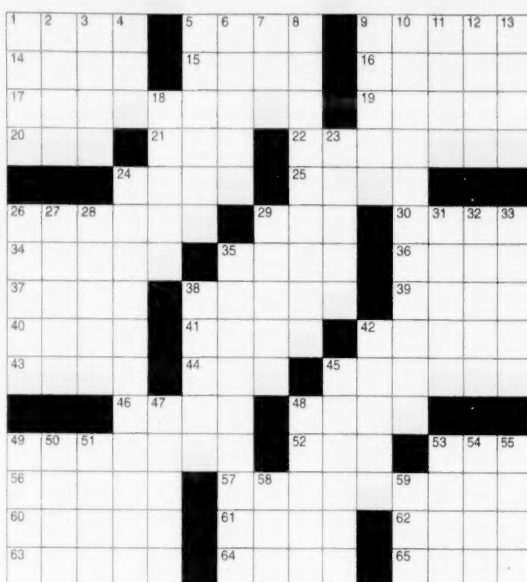
Katherine Hall of Andover, a second-grader at Bancroft School, is performing in *The Littlest Angel* at the Firehouse Center for the Arts in Newburyport this month. The production, directed by Anna Smulowitz, is described as "a heartwarming show with unforgettable, original music." Katherine (pictured above with cast member Hannah LaBonde as Patience) will play the lead role as Sarah, The Littlest Angel, after *Townsmen* presstime on Wednesday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. Having just turned 8 last month, she is the said to be the youngest person to play the lead role in this musical, and she is reportedly "having a ball." Katherine takes dance and musical theater at the Center for Performing Arts in Andover and has performed there for five years. She has also done piano and song and dance numbers in the Bancroft variety show for two years. This is her debut on the big stage. For tickets, call the Firehouse Center at 978-462-7336, or check out [www.firehouse.org](http://www.firehouse.org).



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## CLUES ACROSS

1. da Inn: hotel chain
5. mina: fine goat wool
9. Dowager
14. African country
15. Tooth ailment
16. Russian lake
17. Organisms that live on hosts
19. Put forward for consideration
20. Don't know when yet (abbr.)
21. Midway between north and northeast
22. Concealed ideas
24. Contains a plant embryo
25. Small mountain lake
26. Worked the soil
29. Dab
30. Weight system for precious metals
34. Duck valued for soft down
35. Satisfy to excess
36. Italian capital
37. The African Queen adapter James
38. The largest asteroid
39. California county
40. Gordian
41. Brews
42. Ancient units of measure
43. Posted
44. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
45. Celestial body
46. God of fire (Hindu)
48. Where Wm. the Conqueror was buried



49. Discussions between enemies
52. Self
53. A male sheep
56. King of Magadha
57. Enola Gay destination
60. Lays clay
61. Something that is carried
62. ument: humiliation
63. Retains

64. Native Am. people along the Colorado
65. Federal job safety law

## CLUES DOWN

1. Acknowledgment (abbr.)
2. Jezebel's husband
3. Hare-like rodent of Argentina
4. DOD programming language
5. Caused hurt
6. Played a role
7. Reference to a female
8. Waivers
9. Suitor
10. Fights on foot with small arms
11. Skilled in hand movements
12. Double curve
13. City electoral district
18. Facial expression of scorn
23. Palm fruits
24. Coaxed
26. Mountain summits
27. Charles Joseph, Prince de
28. UK cinema chain
29. Cut off outer covering
31. French city
32. Shaded colors
33. Leavening agent
35. In an egotistical way
38. Carnival worker
42. Margarine
45. An Asian temple
47. Toothed machine part
48. Indonesian island
49. A trodden track
50. European owl genus
51. Coil
53. Bony barbecued meat
54. Nursemaid
55. Tortilla and tamale dough
58. An informal debt instrument
59. Vietnamese currency unit

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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Memorial Music Hall, 129 Broadway, Methuen. "Songs for the Season" with the Merrimack Valley Players. Tickets \$20 for adults; \$18 seniors and children under 12. Matinee special is \$10 for seniors and children. 603-893-6626.

**Photos with Santa**, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Brickstone Square with Merrimack Valley YMCA. Andover. Photos \$5 each. Proceeds benefit YMCA youth and teen programs.

**"Majesty: Celebration in Hymn"**, 7 p.m. at Portland Street Baptist Church, 29 Portland St., Haverhill. Christmas concert featuring seven New England musicians. Refreshments served following performance. Free; all welcome. Call 978-729-1537.

## Sunday, Dec. 10

**Classic Open Karate Championship Tournament**, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, Water Street, Lawrence. General admission \$5, seniors \$2 and children under 3 are free. Call Larry Giordano 978-683-4287 or Juliann Grant 978-681-1600.

**Holiday craft and gift fair**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Winnickeni

Castle, 347 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill. Vendors may reserve spots. Call 978-521-1686 or e-mail winnekenni@yahoo.com.

**Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities Christmas Open House Tour**, noon to 4 p.m. at 32 Belmont Ave., Lowell. Admission \$20 for tour or \$40 for tour and reception. Call 978-452-1421.

**Book signing**, 1 p.m. The Andover and North Andover

Historical Societies are jointly hosting this special lecture and presentation by author and historian Elinor Abbot on the early history of Andover at North

Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road. Author of "Our Company Increases Apace: History, Language and Social Identity in Early Colonial Andover, Massachusetts," the first book in more than 35 years on the early history of Andover. Admission free to members, \$5 nonmembers. 978-686-4035.

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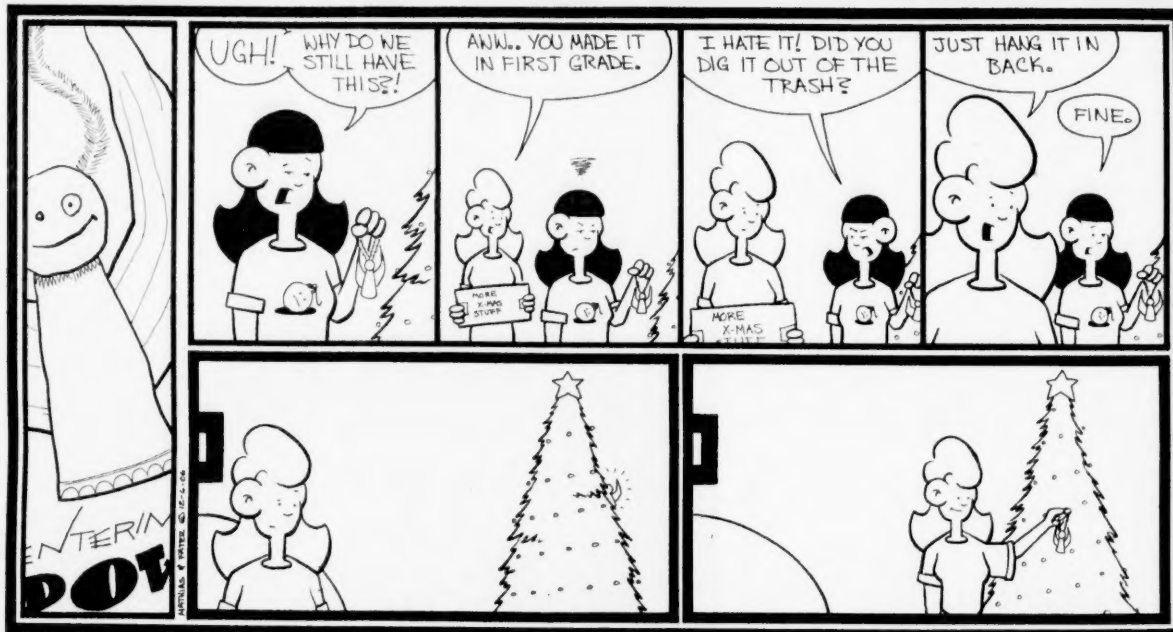
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## ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



**Award-winning storyteller Judith Black** portrays Lucy Stone (1818-1893), the best known female orator of her era, as part of the White Fund Series, on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. on the Northern Essex campus in Lawrence.

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## ■ DEC. 7 THRU DEC. 23

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**Holiday Centerpiece Workshop.** noon, for adult beginners at Nevins Memorial Library, 305 Broadway, Methuen. Cost \$25 for Friends members; \$30 for nonmembers. Registration required by Dec. 15. Call Beverly Winn at 978-686-4080, Ext. 31.

## Tuesday, Dec. 19

**Mother Goose on the Loose.** 10:30 a.m. at Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St., Lowell. Nursery rhyme program for children through age 3. No registration required. www.pollardml.org.

**Jingle Bell Spectacular.** 7 p.m. featuring Treble Chorus of New England with guest artists the New England Ringers, at Rogers Center, Merrimack College, North Andover. Tickets \$14 adults, \$8 seniors and students. Visit www.treblechorus.com or call 978-837-5461.

## Wednesday, Dec. 20

**Wellness Workshop.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Dahn Yoga and Healing Center, 166 North Main St., Andover. Lorna DiMeo will discuss ways to minimize holi-

day stress. Free; all welcome. To register, call Nina at 978-475-1116.

## Friday, Dec. 22

**Photos with Santa.** 6 to 8 p.m. at Brickstone Square with Merrimack Valley YMCA, Andover. Photos \$5 each. Proceeds benefit YMCA youth and teen programs.

## Saturday, Dec. 23

**Holiday festivities.** noon to 4 p.m., including Patriot Fife and Drum Duo, Dueling Trumpets and King of Grace Church carolers at The Loop, Methuen.

## Ongoing, Etc.

**Andover Great Books Group.** meets second and fourth Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., to discuss book of the week. Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Call Jean McGreehan at 603-667-9610.

**Embroiderers Guild of America.** meets third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. through May. Dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form. Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East St., Tewksbury. Call Rosemary Carter at 978-894-0959.

Food Addicts in Recovery

**Anonymous.** meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Wingate at Andover, 80 Andover St., Andover. Visit www.foodaddicts.org or call 781-321-9118.

**Lawrence Heritage State Park.** indoor and outdoor guided tours exploring the history of Lawrence. Free; all welcome. Reservations required. 1 Jackson St., Lawrence. 978-794-1655.

**Lowell Opera Company** holds rehearsals every Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell. New members welcome; auditions not required. 978-441-6926 or www.operalowell.org.

**Men's woodcarving group.** meets Mondays at 9 a.m. at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover. 978-623-8321.

**Merrimack Toastmasters Club.** meets second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Call Bill Cashman at 978-475-0721.

**Merrimack Valley Camera Club.** meets every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Call 978-686-0900.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a

women's a cappella group, rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Wilmington Arts Council Building, 219 Middlesex Ave. (Route 62), Wilmington. Call Kate at 978-692-1843.

**Merrimack Valley Chapter of PFLAG** (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), providing support, education, and advocacy, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., Andover. Co-facilitators are Bob Zimmerman and Rev. Ralph Galen. Call 978-475-4454, or send an e-mail to PFLAGinAndover@aol.com.

**Merrimack Valley Townsman Barbershop Chorus.** rehearses Mondays at 7 p.m. at All Saints Church, Bellevue Ave., Haverhill. No experience necessary. 978-688-5306.

**Methuen Community Band.** rehearses every other Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. All instruments and skill levels welcome. Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen. Call Lori at 978-794-1973.

**New England Classical Singers.** a regional group of singers devoted to the presentation of demanding and interesting choral music, holds tryouts and rehearsals

Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. at South School in Andover. 978-475-1468 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

**Newcomers Club of the Andovers** holds a coffee the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Panera Bread, Route 114, North Andover. All new residents of Andover and North Andover are welcome. Call Jenn at 978-685-2000 or Peggy at 978-475-3933.

**North Parish Quilters.** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., September through June. New members welcome; guest fee \$5. Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading. Call Susan Reichter at 978-475-6973.

**North Regional Theatre Workshop.** rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Forest Street Church in Methuen. Call 978-681-0355 or visit www.nrtwinc.com.

**Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club** dances held every Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Shaw-shen Elementary School, Shaw-shen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington. 978-658-4022.

**Stompers Country Line Dance Production** holds dances every Wednesday and Sunday, 7 to 11 p.m. at GuestHouse Inn & Suites, exit 47 off I-93, Methuen.

**Toastmasters International** meets second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 to 9 p.m. at Haverhill Public Library. Improve your public speaking skills. All welcome. www.friendlypersuasion.org.

**Turkey Town Trotters Square Dance Club** meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, Sutton Street, North Andover. 978-682-3280 or 978-682-2403.

## Worth Checking Out

## ► ART

**ADDISON GALLERY.** "Coming of Age: American Art, 1850s to 1950s" through Jan. 7; "Jennifer Bartlett: Early Plate Work" through Sunday, Dec. 10; "Growing the Addison: Recent Acquisitions" through December; "Wendy Ewald: American Alphabets" through December. 180 Main St., Andover. 978-749-4015.

**ANDOVER INN.** "Down to Earth 2006," an exhibit by Ellen Granter, through Sunday, Dec. 10 in the lobby, 4 Chapel Ave., Andover.

**BOXFORD VILLAGE LIBRARY.** Paintings, sculpture, and printmaking by artists and alumni of Masconomet Regional School through Jan. 20. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 10 Elm St., Boxford. 978-887-READ.

**BROOKS SCHOOL.** "The Classical Ideal," paintings, photos, drawings, engravings, and more, through Dec. 15 in the Robert Lehman Art Center, 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover.

**CHURCHILL GALLERY.** Holiday Art Show featuring Paul George, Michael McGovern, Paul Niemiec, and Dennis Perrin: "Form in Nature," new work by Elizabeth Mauser Leary, Elizabeth Wadleigh Leary, and Frank Strazzulla Jr. Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30

p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 to 5 p.m.; or by appointment. 6 Inn St., Newburyport. 978-462-9891 or www.thechurchillgallery.com.

**ENDICOTT COLLEGE.** Features "The World is our Campus," a collection of photos, films, audio journals, and more highlighting the college's international and intercultural programs, through Dec. 20. Halle Library Archive and Museum Gallery. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 376 Hale St., Beverly.

**FEED YOUR HEAD BOOKS.** "Recycle and Reuse: The Art and Craft of the Repurposed," an exhibit of used materials by local and national artists, Saturday, Dec. 9 through Jan. 28, 272 Essex St., Salem. 978-744-4009.

**GALLERY 181.** "A Hundred Under A Hundred," artwork by 26 national and local artists under \$100, through Jan. 4. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 181 Canal St., Lawrence. 978-741-7979.

**GORDON COLLEGE.** "Highly Favored: Contemporary Visions of the Virgin Mary" through Dec. 15, Barrington Center for the Arts, 255 Grapevine Road, Wenham. 978-867-4365 or www.gordon.edu/ccs.

**GOVERNOR'S ACADEMY.** Holiday show and sale of jewelry, pottery, fiber arts, and more through Dec. 14 in the Remis Lobby of the Performing Arts Center, Elm Street, Byfield. 978-499-3236.

**LESLANE GALLERY.** Paintings by Bill Duncan and Jim Grabowski; paintings and wire and glass sculptures by Leslie Dondero; sea glass and driftwood mobiles and chimes by Elaine Lasky. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 144 Turnpike Road, Rowley. 978-948-2105.

**LORICA ARTWORKS.** "Short Days, Long Shadows," a group show featuring original artwork by Irish and American artists, through December. 90 Main St., Andover. 978-470-1829.

**MARBLEHEAD ARTS.** Art Association presents "Artful Giving," a collection of paintings, prints, photographs, crafts, and more, through Dec. 23. 8 Hooper St., Marblehead. 781-631-2608 or www.marbleheadarts.org.

**MARGOT'S GALLERY.** Handmade jewelry by Eli Davidov of the Idit Gallery in Jerusalem through 2006. 52 Wingate St., Haverhill. 978-373-0200.

**MERCURY GALLERY.** Holiday group show featuring paintings by Jon Marshall, Oliver Balf, Lucette White, Joseph Solomon, Daniel Robinson, Byron Browne, Louis Schanker, and pottery by Miranda Thomas through January. Hours: Friday through Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 20 Main St., Rockport. 978-546-7620 or 617-859-0054 or www.mercurygallery.com.

**MILLYARD CENTER FOR THE ARTS.** Debut exhibit of regional art including paintings, drawings, photography, pottery, jewelry, printmaking, sculpture and fine crafts Friday, Dec. 5:30 to 8 p.m. (reception), Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10, 10

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## CALENDAR DEADLINES

- Events listings are due **NO LATER THAN NOON ON THURSDAY** – a week before publication.
- Early submission – at least 2 weeks before the event should be published – is preferred, especially from regular contributors of news & calendar listings.
- Listings are published covering two week-ends whenever space permits.
- Priority is given to Andover events.
- Submitting by e-mail is encouraged.
- To receive a calendar listing form, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: EVENTS CALENDAR, 33 Chestnut St., Andover 01810.
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a.m. to 5 p.m. at the gallery and cultural center, Pond and High streets, Amesbury. 978-388-3348.

**MONTERRAT COLLEGE.** "Electric Wasteland: Urban Art from L.A.," work in a variety of media, through Feb. 3, 23 Essex St., Beverly.

**NEWBURYPORT ARTS.** Art Association Members' Holiday Show and Sale of Art and Artisanry through Dec. 28. Features work in all media. Receptions on Friday, Dec. 8, 7 to 9 p.m. 65 Water St., Newburyport. 978-465-8769 or www.newburyportart.org.

**PEABODY ARTS.** Art Association Holiday Show and Sale featuring paintings, photographs and crafts by members through Dec. 17. Elizabeth Cassidy Folk Art

Museum. Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. 33 Washington St., Peabody.

**ROCKPORT ARTS.** Art association will present Thumb Box Show of Paintings, Graphics, and Sculpture through December. Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 12 Main St., Rockport. 978-546-6604 or www.rockportartssn.org.

**ROCKY NECK ART COLONY.** Second annual Winter Exhibit and Sale through Dec. 24. Features paintings, sculpture, mixed media, photography, and ceramics by local artists. Hours: Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. 117 Main St., Gloucester.

## ■ WALSINGHAM GALLERY.

"The Women of Walsingham," work by local female artists including Anita I. Johnson, J.C. Airola, Mary Minifie, Jean Lightman, and Judith Pumfrey, through Dec. 17. Hours: Tuesday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport. 978-499-4411 or www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

**WASHINGTON SQUARE STUDIO.** "Mysteries of Mexico and Cuba," photography by David LaChapelle of Salem, Mass., through Dec. 17. Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 13 Washington Square, Salem. 978-745-5880.

## ■ AUCTIONS/SALES

**ART SALE.** Peabody Art Association Holiday Art Show and Sale Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays through Dec. 17. noon to 4 p.m. Elizabeth Cassidy Folk Art Museum. Features paintings, photographs and crafts by Association members. 33 Washington St., Peabody. Visit www.peabodyhistorical.org

**GALLERY STROLL.** Fifth Annual Holiday Gallery Stroll, a show and sale of work by students and studio potters takes place Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cynthia Curtis Pottery. Refreshments served. 80 Pigeon Hill St., Rockport. 978-546-6186 or www.cynthiacurtispottery.com

## ■ CHILDREN/FAMILIES

**CRAFTS WORKSHOP.** Green Meadows Farm hosts a holiday crafts workshop for kids Saturdays through Dec. 16, 2 to 5

p.m. Cost \$5. 650 Asbury St., Hamilton. 978-626-0104.

**MODERN ART.** Mini ModArt will present workshops on modern artists Wednesdays through December, 1:15 and 3:15 p.m. Ages 4 to 8. Cost \$25. 11 Old Essex Road, Manchester. 978-526-4368 or www.minimodart.com.

**MUSEUM PROGRAM.** The Cape Ann Historical Museum will present Young at Art Wednesday, Dec. 13, 10 to 11 a.m. Features story, art activities, and museum tour for ages 3 to 5. Free, all welcome. Reservations required. 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester. 978-283-0455 or www.capeannhistoricalmuseum.org.

**SATURDAY SHOWCASE.** The Cape Ann Historical Museum will present "A Colonial New England Christmas" Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m.; concert of holiday songs with Connie Richards 1 p.m. Free, all welcome. 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester. 978-283-0455

**STORY HOUR.** Cornerstone Books hosts a story hour every Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Features stories, activities, and snack for

age 3 to 6. Free. 45 Lafayette St., Salem, Mass. 978-595-5401.

**STORY TIME.** The Book Rack will host a story time every Wednesday and Saturday, 11 a.m. Free; all welcome. 52 State St., Newburyport. 978-462-8615

**WILDLIFE PROGRAM.** The Joppa Flats Education Center will present "Imagine, Sing and Learn: Whales and Dolphins" for ages 3 to 5 and an adult Thursday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. Cost \$12, advance registration required. Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. 978-462-999x

## ■ CLUBS

**BAY BRIDGE.** Audio Under ground Friday, Dec. 8; Beatle juice Saturday, Dec. 9; open mike night Thursdays; brunch with John Corcoran and friends and kids characters every Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by Blues Light/Atomic Cocktail Band at night; Bobby V. Karaoke every Monday and Wednesday, 29 Bridge St., Salem. 978-745-8881

**THE GROG.** Panker Wheelers Blues Party with guitarist David Brown and drummer Dave Matlack Sunday, Dec. 10, 10 p.m.

guitarist Steven Spungin on Tuesdays; open mike Wednesdays. Music 8 to 11:30 p.m. Thursdays: 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays: 10 to 11 p.m. Sundays: 13 Middle St., Newburyport. 978-465-8008

**IN A PIG'S EYE.** Tony Gallo and Friends Thursday, Dec. 7, 9 p.m. 11:15 p.m.; Blues Jam with Eric Reardon, Jon Reardon and Bob Hamel Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m.; open mike with Julie Dougherty Mondays. Evening music starts at 7 p.m. 148 Derby St., Salem. 978-741-4444

**MARCO POLO.** The Al and Barbara Boudreau Jazz Quintet Sunday, Dec. 10, 5 to 8 p.m. 141 High St., Ipswich. 978-356-0277

**PEDDLER'S DAUGHTER.** Pick up Peddlers Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 to 9 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 8, 9 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 to 12 p.m. 148 Derby St., Salem. 978-741-4444

**UPSTAIRS AT MICHAEL'S HARBORSIDE.** D. Koko P with Pez Thursday, Dec. 7, 9 p.m.; Bob M. Friday, Dec. 8, 9 p.m.; Bob M. Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 p.m. 148 Derby St., Salem. 978-741-4444

**WHITE RAINBOW.** Rosemary Gifford Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 to 9 p.m.; Bob M. Friday, Dec. 8, 9 to 11 p.m.; Bob M. Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 to 11 p.m. 148 Derby St., Salem. 978-741-4444

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Phillips Academy's 19th annual holiday concert Friday features *Messiah*

The Phillips Academy Music Department will sponsor its 19th annual holiday concert featuring excerpts from Handel's oratorio, *Messiah*, on Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. This concert is given in support of Neighbors in Need, a food pantry in the Merrimack Valley, and will also support the Merrimack Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The program, under the direction of William Thomas, will feature the Phillips Academy Community Chorus and the Academy Chamber Players made up of students, faculty and staff of the Academy and musicians from the Merrimack Valley, Boston, and North Shore areas.

This year the special guests as soloists are soprano Barbara Kilduff-O'Farrell, counter-tenor Aaron Russo, tenor Allen Combs, and baritone Donald Wilkinson, all Phillips Academy faculty members.

The public is cordially invited to support this benefit in Cochran Chapel. General admission is \$5; senior citizens and students may be admitted with a donation of nonperishable or canned food.

## NE Classical Singers seek voices

New England Classical Singers has openings in all voice parts, especially tenors and basses. Rehearsals are in Andover on Wednesday evenings. Rehearsal and concert spaces are handicapped accessible. For more information and to arrange an audition on Jan. 3 or 10. Check the Web site: www.newenglandclassical.org, or call 978-475-1468

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## ► DANCE

**DANCE COMPANY.** The Joppa Jazz Dance Company will present "Spirits Bright and All Jazz'd Up" **Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.**, Newburyport High School. Features holiday music and dance with 50 area dancers. Tickets \$15. 241 High St., Newburyport.

**SINGLES DANCE.** The Single Life of Greater Haverhill will

host a dance **Saturday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. to midnight**, American Legion Post 4. Refreshments and live disc jockey. Cost \$8. Route 121, Haverhill. Call Cindy, 978-373-3504, or Mary, 603-642-3571.

## ► FESTIVALS/FAIRS

**TREE FESTIVAL.** Buttonwoods Museum will present "Christmas at the Buttonwoods: A Festival of Trees" **through Dec. 10**. Hours vary by day. Artificial tree and wreath display. Vote for your

favorites. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 ages 7 to 17, 6 and under free. 240 Water St., Haverhill. 978-374-4626.

## ► FILM

**CABOT STREET CINEMA THEATRE.** "Driving Lessons" **Friday, Dec. 8, 5:30 and 8 p.m.**; **Saturday, Dec. 9, 2, 5:30 and 8 p.m.**; **Monday, Dec. 11 and Tuesday, Dec. 12, 5:30 and 8 p.m.**; **Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2, 5:30 and 8 p.m.** 286 Cabot St., Beverly. 978-927-3677.

## ► MUSEUMS

**BEVERLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM.** "Beverly and the American Revolution: 'Beverly Bank: An Early American Bank.'" **Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**; **Wednesday, 1 to 9 p.m.** 117 Cabot St., Beverly. 978-922-1186.

**CAPE ANN HISTORICAL MUSEUM.** "Man Sings of Man." paintings by Umberto Romano, **through January**; "Coastal Landscapes: 2002-2004." Abstract Paintings from Series 1 and 2, paintings by Gordon Goetemann, **through January**. "Gallery-on-the-Moors 1916-1922" **through January**. **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**; **Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.** Admission \$6.50, \$6 seniors, \$4.50 students, under 6 free. 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester. 978-283-0455 or www.capeannhistoricalmuseum.org.

**ELIZABETH CASSIDY FOLK ART MUSEUM.** "Celebrating the Art of Peabody's Past and Present." a collection of folk art, needlework, pottery, and more, presented by the Peabody Historical Society. Open the **first and**

**third Sunday of the month**, noon to 3 p.m. Free. 33 Washington St., Peabody. 978-977-0514 or www.peabodyhistorical.org.

**GEORGE PEABODY HOUSE MUSEUM.** "Benevolent Yet Shrewd: Images of Philanthropist George Peabody" **through**

**December.** Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 205 Washington St., Peabody.

**HOUSE OF THE SEVEN GABLES.** Site includes House of the Seven Gables (Turner-Ingersoll Mansion) that inspired Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel, his birthplace and other historic houses, Colonial Revival gardens designed in 1909 and costumed interpreters retelling the stories of the mansion's families. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 54 Turner St., Salem. \$11; \$10 seniors; children age 5 to 12, \$7.25. 115 Derby St., Salem. 978-744-0991.

**MARBLEHEAD MUSEUM.** "Off the Wall: The Lee Mansion Wallpapers," handmade wallpaper from the mansion as well as furniture, mirrors, and other items, **through January**. Free. 170 Washington St., Marblehead. 781-631-7168 or www.marbleheadmuseum.org.

**MUSEUM OF SCIENCE.** "Body Worlds 2," an exhibition exploring the human anatomy and health science through preserved human bodies. **Saturday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**; **Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.** Admission \$16, \$13 children, \$14 seniors. Science Park, Boston. 617-723-2500 or www.mos.org.

**NORTH ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** Includes library, archive and museum galleries focusing on local life from the 17th to 20th century. **Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m.** Admission \$1 to \$5. 153 Academy Road, North Andover. 978-686-4035.

**PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM.** "Inspired by China. Contemporary Furnituremakers Explore Chinese Traditions" **through March 4**; "The Emperor Looks West," art from Chinese palace workshops, **through April 20**; "Sketched at Sea," drawings, paintings, and other maritime works from the mid-18th to early 20th centuries; "Of Gods and Mortals. Traditional Art of India" **through March 24**; "The Yachting Photography of Willard B. Jackson" **through Jan. 21**. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students

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sanu and Juliette Kang, ACMS artistic director and flutist Julie Scolnik, flutist Susan Rotholz, and Ian Watson, harpsichord.

The ACMS invites listeners to celebrate the joy of the holidays with concerts in three New England churches: on Friday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Anne's Episcopal Church, Lowell; on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m. at South Church in Andover; and on Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at the First

Church Congregational in Cambridge.

This will be the first time the Andover Chamber Music Series, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, will present a concert in Lowell.

Tickets are \$30. Student rush tickets are \$8; group sales are available. To order or for more information, call 978-474-6222, or see [www.andoverchambermusic.org](http://www.andoverchambermusic.org).



Mistral, the Andover Chamber Music Series ensemble-in-residence, will perform an all-Bach program celebrating the holidays this Saturday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m. at South Church in Andover.

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and children 16 and younger, and Salem residents, free. 866-745-1876 or [www.pem.org](http://www.pem.org)

**PRINTING MUSEUM.** World's largest collection of antique printing, typesetting and bindery machines. Contains extensive printing collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$5. 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover. 978-686-0450.

**SALEM MARITIME.** National Historic Site operated by the National Park Service. Free 18 minute film on the Golden Age of Salem, "To the Farthest Port of the Rich East," every 30 minutes. U.S. park rangers lead tours of the 1819 Custom House, the 1762 Derby House and the 1672 Narbonne House and the Friendship, a full-size replica of a 1797 merchant vessel. 193 Derby St., Salem. Tickets \$5 adults; \$3 children and seniors. 978-740-1660.

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**WHISTLER HOUSE MUSEUM OF ART.** Annual James Whistler Members Show through Dec. 31 in the Parker Gallery. "Date to be Digital." Home Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 243 Wetherill St., Lowell. 978-452-7641 or [www.whistlerhouse.org](http://www.whistlerhouse.org)

## MUSIC

**BELL CHOIR.** The Hampstead Public Library will present a holiday performance by the Pinkerton Bell Choir Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Free and welcome. 9 Mary E. Clark Dr., Hampstead, N.H. 603-329-6411.

**CD RELEASE.** Come join singer-songwriter and church leader Michael O'Leary as he hosts a celebration for the release of the CD "Karma" by the church ensemble Robert Glass and O'Leary. "Wings of Song" Friday, Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m. Youth for Health Features performance by O'Leary and Ben Sheppard. Free, all welcome. 124 Main Street, Gloucester. 978-285-0495; [michaelo-leary.com](http://michaelo-leary.com)

**CHORAL SOCIETY.** The Newburyport Choral Society will present a winter concert featuring the music of Bach and other holiday composers Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. Belleville Congregational Church. Ticket \$20. 855-2333

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**FLUTE ENSEMBLE.** The Western Flute Ensemble will perform a holiday concert Saturday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. First Church, 45 State St., Rockport. Tickets \$10. 978-452-7641 or [www.whistlerhouse.org](http://www.whistlerhouse.org)

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The KITE Program (July 30-August 3) is geared toward the talented students in Grades K-8. The 2007 theme is Rollercoasters and Carousels: Learning in Motion.

Students from all communities are welcome and encouraged to participate in Kaleidoscope and KITE courses. Each summer over 700 children from 15 states and 10 countries are enrolled. For more information visit our website at [www.kaleidoscopekids.com](http://www.kaleidoscopekids.com). The 2007 theme is Rollercoasters and Carousels: Learning in Motion. Friday break.

Summer locations: Kaleidoscope: Wood Hill Middle School, Andover. KITE: Merrimack College. The telephone numbers for both programs are: 978-475-1422.

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The Nashua Flute Choir Inc., founded in 1983, is an auditioned, voluntary organization dedicated to the cultural and musical enrichment. Led by professional flutist and conductor Eileen Yarrison, its 20 members, from diverse career back-

grounds and locations, foster their love of music through the ensemble, which is composed entirely of flutes including piccolo, Eb flute, C flute, alto flute, bass, and contrabass flute.

Every year The Nashua Flute Choir performs regularly in concerts and other functions in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

They have also performed at the National Flute

Association Convention in Washington, D.C. (2002); Atlanta, Ga. (1999); New York City (1996); and Boston (1993); and at Symphony Hall (1994) for the Greater Boston Flute Association.

The Nashua Flute Choir's extensive repertoire includes a variety of musical styles, ranging from Baroque to contemporary, organizers said.

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quartet Enclave **Saturday**, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. Tickets \$10. 60 Island St., Lawrence. For tickets, e-mail Bruce Ferrara, bruceferarra@hotmail.com, or visit [www.bruceferarra.com/FJP.html](http://www.bruceferarra.com/FJP.html).

### RECREATION

**BIRDING PROGRAM.** The Joppa Flats Education Center will present "Birding from Nahant to East Boston," a trip examining birding spots on the shore north of Boston Harbor, **Saturday**, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$38, advance registration required. Meet at the MDC boat ramp at the parking lot at the start of the Nahant Causeway. 978-462-9998.

**FALL BIRDING.** The Joppa Flats Education Center will present "Fall Birding on Cape Ann," a trip exploring migrant seabirds on Cape Ann, **Sunday**, Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost \$36, advance registration required. Meet at the Fisherman's Statue on Western Avenue in Gloucester. 978-462-9998.

### THEATER

**CAPE ANN WALDORF SCHOOL.** Faculty will present "The Shepherd's Play" **Saturday**, Dec. 9, 1:30 p.m., John's Episcopal Church. Medieval play shows the shepherds as receiving the news of the nativity from the angel and travel to the manger. Free, all welcome. 48 Middle Street, Gloucester.

**FIREHOUSE CENTER.** The Firehouse Center for the Arts presents the holiday production "The Littlest Angel" **through Sunday**, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$16, \$14

students/seniors. 1 Market Square, Newburyport. 978-462-7336 or [www.firehouse.org](http://www.firehouse.org).

### GLOUCESTER STAGE.

Gloucester Stage presents "The Wind in the Willows" **through Dec. 17**. Shows are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday matinees, 3 p.m.; Sunday matinees, 5 p.m. Ticket \$20 to \$35. 267 E. Main Street, Gloucester. 978-281-4433 or [www.gloucesterstage.org](http://www.gloucesterstage.org)

**MUSIC THEATRE.** The North Shore Music Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol" **through Dec. 24**. Shows Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.; and Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 to \$70. 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. 978-232-7200 or [www.nsmto.org](http://www.nsmto.org).

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"Father of the Bride" **Thursday**, Dec. 7 **through Saturday**, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., John E. Lane Performing Arts Center. A father adjusts to his only daughter's surprise engagement. Tickets \$8 general, \$6 students/seniors. 24 Jerdens Lane, Rockport. 978-546-1234.

**THEATRE OF LIGHT.** Theatre of Light presents "Narnia, The Musical" Saturdays, 7 p.m. and Sundays, 3 p.m. **through Sunday**, Dec. 10 at the former St. Mary's School, Hawthorne Boulevard, Salem. Tickets \$12. \$10 students/seniors. \$6 children. 781-210-9818.

### TOURS/WALKS

**CITY TOURS.** Port City Tours offers historic tours of Newburyport and Amesbury **Thursdays through Sundays**, 10 a.m., 12:30, 3, and 5 p.m. Cost \$20, \$15 children/seniors, 25 percent discount for Newburyport and Amesbury residents. Tours leave

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**MUSEUM TOURS.** The Cape Ann Historical Museum will host tours of the Captain Elias Davis House, an 1804 Federal-style house, **Saturday**, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Free, all welcome. 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester. 978-283-0455.

**TROLLEY TOURS.** Salem Historical Tours presents daily guided trolley tours of historical sites in downtown Salem featuring stories of witchcraft, haunted sites, pirates, and more. 8 Central St., Salem. For schedule, call 978-745-0666 or visit [www.salemrolley.com](http://www.salemrolley.com).

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**PLANETARIUM SHOW.** The Dunn Planetarium presents "The Season of Light: Christmas and the Solstice," a show on the winter solstice, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, accompanied by music and stories, **Fridays** through Jan. 5, 7 p.m. Tickets \$2.50. 64 Cabot Road, Danvers.

**SKATING EXHIBITION.** The North Shore Skating Club will present the Senior Club Holiday Exhibition **Sunday**, Dec. 10, 2 to 4:30 p.m., Burbank Ice Arena. Admission is a non-perishable food item or new, unwrapped toy. 51 Symonds Way, Reading.

### Support Groups

**ADD/ADHD support group,** meets third Thursday of every month, Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Lisa Figliola 978-948-7310.

**AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group,** for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

**Alcoholism - Adult children of alcoholics** discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford; 978-251-3329 or 978-448-5002.

**Alcoholism - Alateen,** ages 12 and older, for teenagers affected by someone else's drinking, 7-8 p.m., every Wednesday, downstairs, Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover; Dottie 978-851-7655.

**Alcoholism - Al-Anon,** for adults, meets every Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m., first floor, Christ Church, 29 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

**Alcoholism - Al-Anon literature study group,** Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton; 978-256-9391 or 978-448-5002.

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# Townspeople



Members of the Mad Bavarians Holiday Brass Band sing and play music during Holiday Happenings in downtown Andover last Friday night. Above right, Sofia, 2, and Sebastian Schwarz, 5, are thoroughly entertained by their music in downtown Andover.

## A 'slicker' kind of holiday shopping

Wet weather doesn't dampen the spirits of townspeople out strolling on Main Street

By April A. Guilmet

**W**ITH HIGH WINDS AND SCATTERED downpours Friday night, Holiday Happenings might very well have been a washout.

But it wasn't. Although the threat of thunder and lightning made it necessary to cancel horse-drawn hayrides this year, music still filled the air and the rain subsided long enough for residents to enjoy a few chestnuts while visiting downtown shops.

Wearing matching yellow rain slickers, Eileen Forgue and her young daughter, Naomi, munched on doughnuts outside Old Town Hall Forgue, who said she didn't make it to last year's Happenings, wasn't bothered a bit by the wet, but warm weather.

"There's nothing yucky about this weather and you don't need to wear mittens," Forgue said. She also planned on attending Saturday's Santa breakfast with her daughter, she said.

Further down Main Street, Felicia Roumeliotis and her two children, Dimitri, 13, and Dina, 12, ducked into Starbucks for a warm beverage before heading out into the evening.

While she admitted she was disappointed to learn that the hayrides had been canceled, Roumeliotis said she enjoyed last year's Happenings and wouldn't miss one.

"We look forward to coming and enjoying the holiday cheer — and we wanted to show our support for our town," she said. The event is also a great time to catch up with neighbors, she added.

Andover Business Center Association president Betsy Powers made the decision to proceed with the festivities despite the drizzle on Friday afternoon. "The horse-drawn carriages are a no go," Powers said at that time. "They were still going to come, but then it started raining very hard in New Hampshire, where they're from. It's

very saddening.

Because the association didn't have permission to "take over" Main Street on Saturday, the majority of the scheduled activities proceeded as planned. Some strolling musicians did appear on Saturday.

Wearing an ensemble that would make Bob Cratchit proud, was tenor David Porter of Boston's Tiggly Pudding Carolers. His group entertains at approximately 40 different events in New England each season, wearing custom-made

stroller to enter Butler Bank's First Year Town contest. Adult participants were given a number to wear and those who found their way, wearing the same number were eligible for a number of raffle prizes.

Photos by  
Angie Beaulieu



The Free Christian Church Choir performed "Not Your Typical Silent Night 2006" in Old Town Hall during Holiday Happenings. The free family-friendly annual event featured the music of Christmas, choirs of all ages, instrumentalists and vocalists, and Christmas bells.

## TOWN TALK

### Santa still reigns over his Parade

Political correctness has not ousted Santa

Press releases to local media outlets have referred to the parade put on by Andover Firefighters as the "Holiday Parade" the last two years. However, there hasn't been an official change to the event that's traditionally been referred to as "Santa Parade," according to firefighter Michael Dalton.

"It's a Holiday Parade with Santa. It's a Holiday Parade. It's all the same," Dalton said. "There's no story."

Dalton said there has been no pressure from anyone to change the name of the parade. Both Santa Parade and Holiday Parade are still currently in use as far as the firefighters are concerned, he said.

Brian McLaughlin

### Give 'em a break

Frustrated with lack of activities during their long winter days, students at Doherty Middle School are speaking out.

Recently, a student at Doherty Middle School approached principal Bruce Maki and district superintendent Claudia Breen about the possibility of starting a petition to allow recess.

"All other middle schools in Andover have recess with lunch. Why shouldn't we?" wrote the student in a recent e-mail to the Andover Townsman.

[The student and his parents could not be reached for comment, and so his name is not being published.]

He'd hoped to get the signatures of his entire class on the petition, ultimately bringing the school's lack of recess to the attention of the district's attention.

But, as it turns out, the petition might not be necessary.

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It's kind of a joke, but it's also a real issue. The students are not alone in their frustration. Many other middle schools in Andover have recess with lunch.

Already, the school has received a lot of support from the community. And, since the school is a public school, the district is required to provide a recess period for all students.

So, while the petition might not be necessary, it's still a good idea to have one. It's a way to show the district that the students are serious about their request.

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No matter what the event is called, Santa was still the star of the show at the Andover Firefighters "Holiday Parade."



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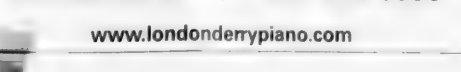
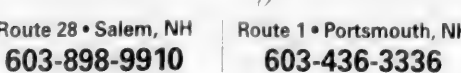
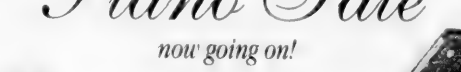
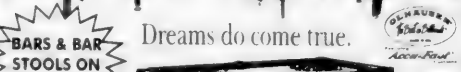
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## SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

With a full moon overhead, close to 150 people gathered on the **Ballardvale Green** for the seventh annual Tree Lighting and Carol Sing on Sunday evening, Dec. 3.

The event is organized and hosted by past and present members of the **Ballardvale Historic District Commission**. Master of ceremonies **Richard Bowen** reminisced about the start of the Ballardvale Green Tree Lighting several years ago, when he and wife, Lucy, decorated a little tree with white lights for the holiday season.

Before long, Bowen had convinced fellow Historic District Commission members to hold a yearly public tree lighting and carol sing.

Now, several years later, the tree is close to 10 feet tall and is a centerpiece for the popular December gathering of the Ballardvale community and friends.

Bowen acknowledged Sunday's General Store for its years of support for the Ballardvale Block Party and other community events, then introduced this year's song leader, **Pastor Ed Deyton** from the **Ballardvale United Church**. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies rounded out the evening.

The **Andover Historical Society**, 97 Main St., will host a special lecture presentation Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. by **Kenneth C. Turino** on "The Spirit of Christmas Past: Three Centuries of Christmas in New England." This illustrated presentation traces the development of the celebration of Christmas from the time it was outlawed in 17th century New England up to the beginning of the 20th century, when all the trappings of a traditional Christmas were in place. Turino will look at how Christmas was transformed from a rowdy celebration to a family-centered event. Among the topics he will discuss are how the Christmas tree became popular, halls were decked, and how Santa Claus came to town.

Turino is exhibitions manager at **Historic New England** where he also runs the program in New England studies. He has a master of arts degree from George Washington University. He has worked at the Paul Revere House, Smithsonian Institution, and for more than 14 years was director of the Lynn Museum. He is an adjunct professor in the museum studies program at Tufts University and is a trustee of the Fogg Rollins House in Exeter, N.H. He lectures frequently on the history of Christmas and has published several articles on the celebration of Christmas.

Organizers invite the public to **West Parish Church**, 129 Reservation Road, this Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. for a "Blue Christmas" service of music, readings, meditation, candles and preparation.

The public message is of joy and consumerism. Many traditional carols and services are about joy and expectation. However, some people, some years, cannot authentically experience these feelings. We hide from them, pretend or withdraw, organizers said.

However, many of the world's wisdom/spiritual tradi-



**BIGGEST TURNOUT FOR LIGHTING OF SMALLEST TREE** - At the 7th annual Tree Lighting and Carol Sing in Ballardvale (above left) are: Pastor Ed Deyton, song leader; Richard Bowen, master of ceremonies; and Bruce Taylor, commission member, plugging in the lights. At right: The Purtschert family live across the street from Ballardvale Green.



tions acknowledge the darkest day of the year, and have rituals to bring light into the darkness.

"Blue Christmas" is an invitation to acknowledge and honor whatever is one's personal or collective darkness, and to transform that darkness, to prepare oneself to bring the light of the Christ Child into that darkness.

The first Christmas was about a pregnant teenager and a devoted partner, who had to travel at an inconvenient time, took whatever housing they could find, delivered a baby alone in the cold, later became refugees then returned home.

The story continued with a clear-thinking prodigy who lived God's message of love, compassion, and forgiveness, lived it despite the consequences, died for it and continues to live for it today, through us, organizers believe.

Christmas is not always easy or fun or happy. Christmas celebrates the promise that God is with us, whatever happens. God did not come to earth as royalty in the midst of a celebration, but entered humbly, quietly, in the



At a "Nutcracker Holiday Party," hosted Nov. 27 by Cartier on Newbury Street, kicked off the shop's week-long Boston Ballet benefit. Through Friday, Dec. 1, the Cartier store donated 10 percent of purchases to the Ballet. Above, Lily Daigle (left), of Andover, a student at West Middle School, poses with the Cartier Santa and her fellow Boston Ballet School student Kristina Gaffny (right), of Reading. Both students are 12.

midst of darkness, where we are most in need. is handicapped accessible. Directions are available at

All are welcome. West Parish www.westparishchurch.net.

## GALA EVENT IN LOWELL



More than 200 guests turned out for the American Textile History Museum's annual Gala and Community Service Award on Nov. 3. Above are Larry Ardito and Linda Carpenter of Andover. The event, to honor Lowell philanthropists Nancy and Richard Donahue, took place at the Doubletree Hotel, and featured dinner and dancing to the music of the Winiker Band. This year's theme was "Gearing up for the Future," and more than \$95,000 was raised in support of Museum operations including caring for the collections, educational programs, and exhibitions.

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## LOTS OF LOCKS



RACHEL  
ROSENBAUM

Rachel Rosenbaum recently donated 11 inches of her hair to Locks of Love, which uses the hair to make wigs for children (and adults) undergoing cancer treatment. Rachel, 11, is in the fifth grade at Bancroft School. She loves to dance and has been a student at the Andover School of Ballet for 9 years.



KATRINA  
KIELY

Katrina Kiely, 9, of Blackberry Lane, is in third grade at South School. She had 11 inches cut off in late November. She loves her new short cut.



ANDREA  
GREENBERG

Andrea Greenberg, 13, of Bateson Drive, donated 11 inches of hair to Locks of Love as part of her bat mitzvah project. She is in the eighth grade at West Middle School.



## FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

**Holiday Fair and Bake Sale:** The center will hold its annual holiday fair and bake sale tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 8 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The fair will offer a wide selection of seasonal decorations, holiday plants and arrangements, Christmas crafts, gift items and a great bake table. Come on by and do some of your holiday shopping.

**Fix-It Shop:** Our fix-it shop will be open for business from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliances or household items. Cost is \$2 plus any parts that might be needed to complete a repair.

**Movie Matinee:** On Monday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. we will show the movie *Millions*. "Joyously funny" says the *Wall Street Journal*. It's holiday season and 7-year-old Damien believes he's received a gift from above when a suitcase filled with cash literally falls out of the sky. Reservations are not necessary, just come by and join us.

**Radio City Christmas Show:** The famous Radio City Rockettes return to the Wang Center this year for their spectacular holiday show. We have excellent center floor seats for their 2 p.m. matinee on Tuesday, Dec. 19 performance. Cost of the trip is \$75, which includes ticket and transportation from the center.

**Book Club:** The next book club meeting will take place on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 1:30 p.m. The group will be discussing *Tracks* by Robyn Davidson. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the senior center and newcomers are welcome at any time.

**Exercise Registration:** Registration is still open for the winter semester of exercise classes. Classes will be offered in women's strength-training, cardio-conditioning, tai chi, low impact aerobics, water workout, men's fitness, basic and performing tap dance classes, and modified yoga. Class and fee schedules are available at the center. The winter semester got underway this week and will run through Feb. 23.

**Evergreen Workshop:** Tuesday, Dec. 12; 1:30 p.m.; \$15 (includes instruction and all supplies). Under the watchful eye of some Village Garden Club members, participants will create a wonderful evergreen window hanging. Pre-registration is necessary so we can purchase the appropriate amount of supplies. Bring some small clippers or a pair of scissors.

**North Pole Calling:** We're looking for a few good people Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Wednesday, Dec. 13; 5 to 7 p.m. to help call children for a holiday chat. Imagine their surprise to hear that Santa is calling them from the North Pole to talk with them. We're looking for some women to be Mrs. Claus as well. Volunteers can choose to work one night or two, and a light supper will be provided. Anyone who is interested in helping out can contact Pat Becker at the senior center.

**"Healthy Holiday Recipes":** Wednesday, Dec. 13; 1:30 p.m. In this two-session class (the first was scheduled for Dec. 6, we'll learn easy ways to prepare healthy, holiday recipes. Please note that this is not a cooking class, but samples will be available for taste testing. Instructor will be Betsey Beaven, a professional chef for 13 years. Beaven is also the co-author of four vegetarian cookbooks and has made TV and radio appearances discussing the health benefits and joy of cooking seasonal food.

**Creative Cooking/Lunch Group:** Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. Have the fun of creating

fant-style eating right at the senior center. This lively, food-loving group welcomes newcomers to join in the fun of a cooking demo, recipe sharing and lunch together. The December class will feature our annual Italian Christmas specialties. Cost is \$6 and advance reservations are necessary.

**Andover Chamber Music Series:** Saturday, Dec. 9; 5 p.m. at South Church. Ticket price is \$20, which is a \$10 savings if purchased through the senior center. This annual concert has become one of the most festive ways to usher in the holidays in the Merrimack Valley. This will be an all-Bach program featuring the *The Brandenburg Concertos*.

**Bereavement Support Group:** This group is facilitated by Diane Blake from Merrimack Valley Hospice and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no charge for this group, and the next meeting will be held at 1:30 on Dec. 21 at the senior center.

**Men's Breakfast:** Tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m. \$8, advance reservations necessary. Bring the ladies and come enjoy our traditional holiday breakfast. We'll be celebrating the end of the season with our own Santa's Secrets for entertainment. A special treat will be instrumental pieces by Sasha Brewer, a sixth-grade cellist. Make your reservations early as this event is usually a sell-out.



Elvena  
Bielecki

Elvena Bielecki, 6, of Marion Avenue, donated 11 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. Elvena is in the first grade at South Elementary School.



SABINE  
GANG

Sabine Gang, a Bancroft school fourth-grader who lives on Blueberry Hill Road, cut her waist-long hair and donated an 11-inch braid for Locks of Love, the non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18. "It took me 1 1/2 years to grow my hair long enough and I'm happy to give it to someone who needs it." Though she really likes her new short hair, Sabine plans to grow it again for another donation, she said.

## BIRTHS

**BACCHI** - A daughter, Anna Leigh Bacchi, born to Douglas and Karen Bacchi of Andover on Nov. 21 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. Grandparents are Duane and Audrey Orton of Yorkville, Ill., Barbara Bacchi of Somerville and the late Anthony Bacchi. Anna joins her brothers, Justin, 7, and Lucas, 3.

**TREPANIER** - A daughter, Reese Kathryn Trepanier, born in October to Jay and Sara Trepanier of Raleigh, N.C. Grandparents are Joe and Ruth Trepanier of Newbury, N.H., formerly of Andover, and Jim and Kathryn Boland of Charleston, W.Va. Reese joins her brothers, Jonas James, 5, and Lucas Joseph, 3.

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# Education

## Junior State of America Debate Day

### Bringing politics to the student body

By Michelle Wiener  
WHAT'S UP contributor

THE COLLINS CENTER at Andover High School was filled with students and teachers engaging in political debate at the Junior State of America's schoolwide debate day on Thursday, Nov. 30.

The JSA club is part of a national organization for high school students interested in political debate and model Congress. The AHS chapter has been a part of the school for more than 15 years, and the debate day used to be one of its annual traditions.

However, in recent years, the JSA had begun to collapse. Members' discussions were not shared with the rest of the school. One of the goals of the club is to bring politics to the student body, and bringing back the debate day last spring became a way for JSA to get back into the school's consciousness.

Last Thursday's event was the second debate day in the past two years, and the club hopes to hold another one this spring.

Two class blocks were devoted to student debates, while another block was reserved for teacher debates. Topics ranged from the celebration of religious holidays in public places to the justification of the Military Commissions Act. Most debates were between two people — either club members, other students or teachers — with a moderator. Debaters did not necessarily argue their personal beliefs.

"We have a core curriculum here [at AHS], but we have a responsibility to not only educate kids, but to make better citizens," said JSA faculty adviser and social studies teacher Daniel Barch. "It's important to provide a good example of what political debate should be and [it's] not the shouting we see on TV."

Unlike in typical formal debate, the debate day involved audience participation from students whose classes came to watch. Audience members also voted for which side of each debate they believed made the most compelling argument.

Barch said this creates a more attentive audience and also gets students thinking about how they feel.

Sophomore Charlie Shi of Haggetts Pond Road debated the topic of Internet censorship and moderated a debate about video games and their effect on violence in individuals and society.

"It was fun being up in a crowd and actually being able to speak articulately and effectively and have people listen to my ideas," he said. "I definitely enjoyed the teacher debates and how well they argued and how articulate they were. I learned a lot about topics I wouldn't delve into otherwise."

Tianyi Chen of Gavin Circle, an AHS sophomore who moderated a debate on the benefit of building a wall in Texas to prevent illegal immigration, said the debate day "showed how students can develop an argument and follow up on it, and it [the event] turned out great."

Craig Simpson, a social studies teacher who debated Barch about the surgical installation of computer chips

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Enia Alberto (left) and Amanda Kennedy, teachers at Melmark New England, a non-profit school for children with autism, set up the break area in one of the classrooms by placing toys on shelves.

## Melmark New England opens for 80 students who have autism

Former Christian Formation Center on River Road now dream come true

By April Guilmet

After months of debate over whether it could connect to town sewer, Melmark New England, a school for autistic children, is enjoying its new space at 459 River Road.

Teachers spent the early part of this week preparing their rooms, and classes were scheduled to begin yesterday, Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The move for the school, which was formerly located in Woburn, gives it significantly more space. Because the school has a waiting list of students, it is expected that more students will

attend the Andover school.

All 80 of Melmark's current students were moved to the new Andover facility this week. Melmark executive vice president Peter Troy said the school will place additional students gradually.

"Literally, our new students are admitted one by one. And each admission is a very long process," said Troy. He added, though, that the

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PETER TROY,  
MELMARK EXECUTIVE VP

new facilities have the capacity for up to 108 students. And more students will eventually mean more staff members. Melmark currently has about 150 employees, including staff for its residential facilities, which aren't in Andover.

"Around 35 of our students live in group homes affiliated with Melmark," Troy said.

Melmark bought the former

Christian Formation Center on River Road in April after a three-year quest for a new home. But when selectmen insisted the school install a septic system rather than tie into existing sewer lines, school officials were concerned they would not be able to raise that money in addition to the money they needed for other renovations.

Sen. Susan Tucker, D-Andover, secured \$350,000 in tax money to pay for a new septic system for the school.

Construction to transform the existing buildings began last August.

## BOOK REVIEW

### If You Take a Mouse to the Movies

BY LAURA NUMEROFF,  
ILLUSTRATED BY FELICIA BOND  
Reviewed by John Chartier

This week, continuing the *Townsmen's* holiday book countdown, reviewer John Chartier takes a look at a holiday sequel to one of the most well-known children's stories in literature today.

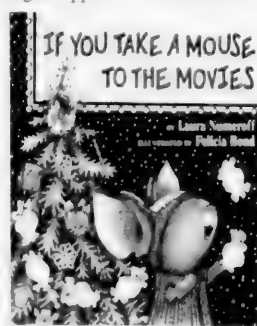
ALL KIDS DREAM OF TAKING THEIR PETS ALONG with them wherever they go. In Laura Numeroff's beloved series, which began with *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, the author examines what would happen if animals had the opportunity to take charge and get exactly what they wanted — all from you.

This time around, Numeroff tells a tale of what might happen if one took a mouse to the movies right in the middle of the holiday season! An amazing chain of events is sure to follow — smack dab in the middle of the winter season.

From the jumbo-sized bucket of popcorn to some very elaborate holiday decorations, this mouse is off to the races, counting down the time to the holidays.

As with all of her books, *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies* includes the same playful and seemingly unrelated, outlandish events that would come about if one, indeed, took a mouse to the movies.

The wonderful illustrations by Felicia Bond



included in this cheerful book really add some humor and adventure to what is an already exciting story in itself.

I give *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies* a very jolly seven out of 10 rating. It is an excellent, if a little simplistic, story that is easy to enjoy with your family or as a group.

Its charm is endearing, though, and the story exudes a real feeling that fits right in with this time of year.

So trudge on down through the snow to your local library or bookstore and pick up your very own copy of *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies* today.

Be sure to enjoy your holiday season with your family and friends, as well.

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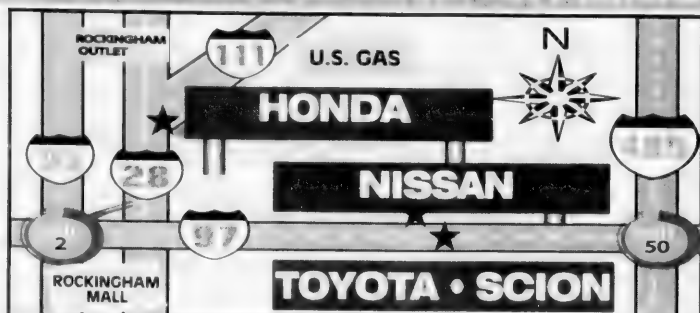
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into people, explained why he believes it is important to have a debate day.

He said the day was "structured around the idea that people have research and data and a reason for their statements." He said by educating high school students about politics, and "by allowing kids to access the skills necessary to evaluate what people say and do, their vote, no matter what it is, will be an intelligent vote."

Rebecca Ledig, a social studies teacher who moderated the

debate on computer chips, explains that the event is "an opportunity for students to participate in and observe intellectual dialogue. Constructing a cohesive argument and presenting it is key in any academic career."

She also believes the observation piece is important in teaching students to learn how to listen to ideas they may personally disagree with and to use the data presented to form a position.

"I think it's important for groups in the school to come together around intellectual

issues," said Ledig. The debate day was a "reminder that we're an academic community," although she added that there was a good "balance between having fun and learning."

As a history teacher, explains Barch, he has found that one of the most important things he can do is to teach themes and how events connect.

"The forces we're teaching about in history are happening in the here and now," he said. "To create a fully realized person, I think we need to instill a sense of political responsibility."

The writer is an Andover High student and a member of the Andover chapter of Junior State of America.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Dec. 11-15:

**Friday:** Chicken fingers, meatloaf, hotdog on a roll, rice pilaf, corn, cookie and juice.

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Pancakes with strawberries, egg and sausage bake, yogurt, bagel, hash browns, fruit and juice.

**Tuesday:** Chicken sandwich, bagel and string cheese, turkey hot dog on a roll, pasta salad, veggie, southwestern soup and juice.

**Wednesday:** No LUNCH - Early release.

**Thursday:** Spaghetti with meatballs, bread stick, yogurt and bagel, baked potato bar, garden salad, pears and juice.

**Friday:** Pizza, yogurt and string cheese, broccoli with sauce, cookie, fruit and juice.

### Andover High School

**Monday:** Roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, corn, squash, cinnamon applesauce, fruit and milk.

**Tuesday:** Pasta bar, rotini, spaghetti with marinara, meat or Alfredo sauce, meatballs or sausage, garlic bread, green beans, pudding, fruit and milk.

**Wednesday:** Barbecue ribs, beans western, corn on the cob, corn bread, fruit and milk.

**Thursday:** Stuffed chicken breast, peas, cranberry sauce, apple crisp, fruit and milk.

**Friday:** Pasta bar, macaroni or rotini, meat or marinara sauce or ziti with broccoli and chicken, garlic bread, broccoli with cheese sauce, fruit and milk.

### Middle schools

**Monday:** Steak and cheese sub, Greek salad, turkey sausage breakfast burritos, baked red bliss potatoes, fruit and juice.

**Tuesday:** Cheese quesadilla with salsa and chips, bowl of chili, pizza, deli salad, broccoli, fruit and juice.

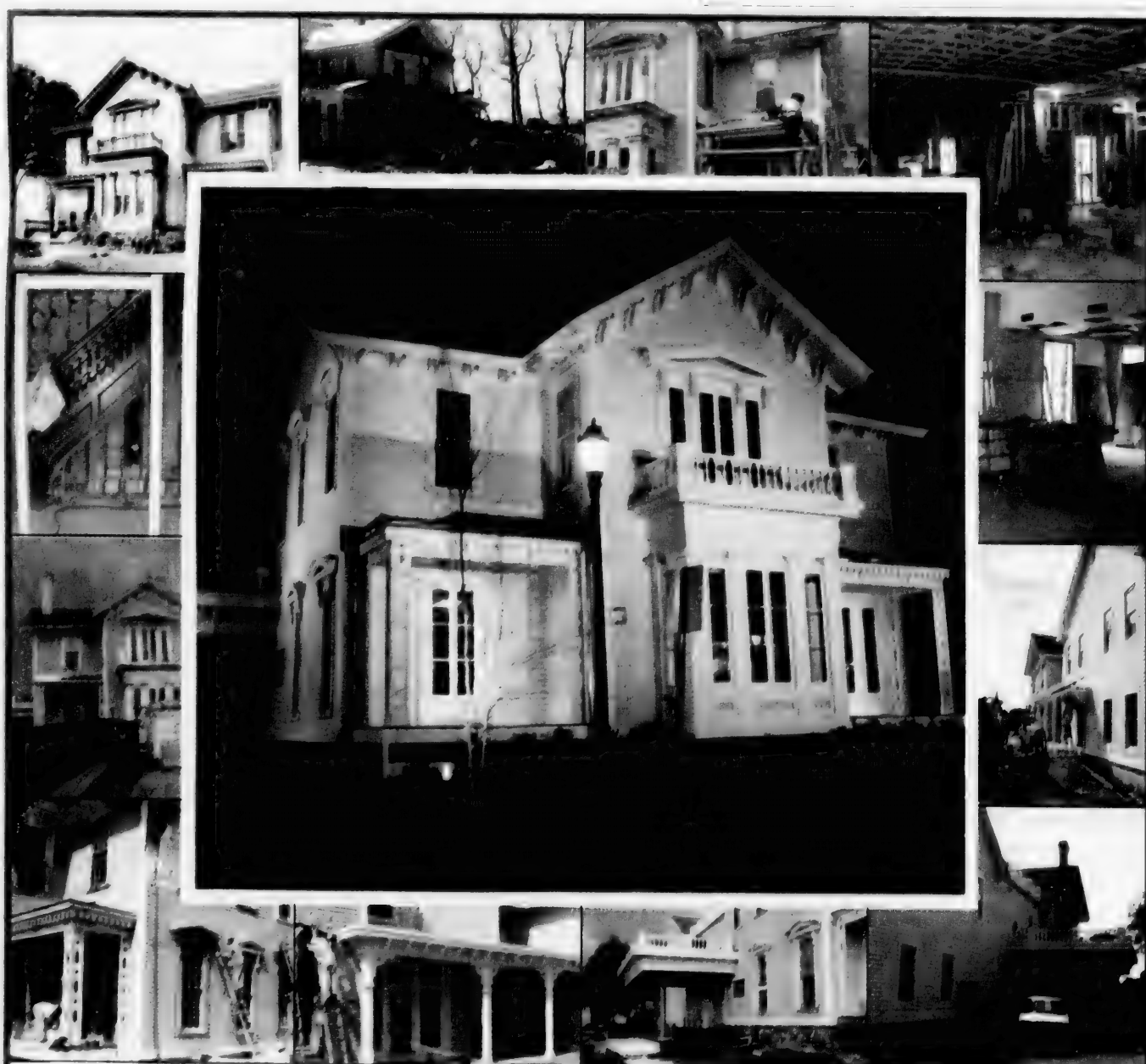
**Wednesday:** Stuffed shells topped with cheese, chicken filet on roll, garden salad, fruit, jello and juice.

**Thursday:** Grilled ham and cheese, oven-roasted turkey sandwich with stuffing, pizza, veggie sticks, cranberry sauce, turkey soup, fruit cup and juice.

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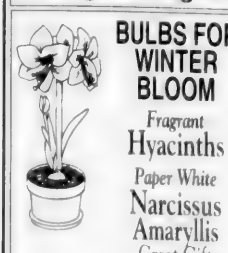
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(ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

(Home Games at Dunn Gym)

**DECEMBER**

12	Dracut	7:30 p.m.
14	Lawrence	7:30 p.m.
15	at Haverhill	7:30 p.m.
19	at Tewksbury	7:30 p.m.
23-3	at Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament, opponents & times TBA	

**JANUARY**

5	Lowell	7:30 p.m.
11	at Chelmsford	7:30 p.m.
18	Billerica	7:30 p.m.
22	at Central Catholic	7:30 p.m.
26	at Methuen	7:30 p.m.
30	Haverhill	7:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

4	at Lowell	1:30 p.m.
6	Chelmsford	7:30 p.m.
8	at Billerica	7:30 p.m.
12	at Somerville	7 p.m.
14	Central Catholic	(non-league)
18-19	Warrior Classic, teams & times TBA for the inaugural tournament	

Head Coach: **Jim Tidsley**  
JV Coach: **Leo Lafond**  
Record Last Year: **21-1**

## BOYS BASKETBALL

(Home Games at Dunn Gym)

**DECEMBER**

12	at Methuen	7:30 p.m.
15	Haverhill	7:30 p.m.
19	Dracut	7:30 p.m.
23-29	at Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament, opponents & times TBA	

**JANUARY**

2	at Tewksbury	7:30 p.m.
5	at Central Catholic	7:30 p.m.
9	Chelmsford	7:30 p.m.
12	Lowell	7:30 p.m.
16	Billerica	7:30 p.m.
19	Brookton	7 p.m. (non-league)
23	at Lawrence	7:30 p.m.
28	J.D. O'Bryant	2:30 p.m. (non-league)
30	at Haverhill	7:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

2	Central Catholic	7:30 p.m.
6	at Lowell	7:30 p.m.
9	at Boston College High	7 p.m.
13	Lawrence	7:30 p.m.
17	Warrior Classic, inaugural tournament vs. Malden High, time TBA	
19	Warrior Classic, inaugural tournament vs. either Brookline or Boston Latin	

Head Coach: **Dave Fazio**  
JV Coach: **Dave Giribaldi**  
Record Last Year: **17-6**

## GIRLS HOCKEY

(Home Games at PA Harrison Rink)

**DECEMBER**

9	at Marblehead	9 a.m.
13	Westford Academy	7:30 p.m.
16	Billerica	4:30 p.m.
23	Chelmsford	7:30 p.m.
30	Everett	8:30 p.m.

**JANUARY**

3	Masconomet Regional	7:30 p.m.
6	Waltham	8:30 p.m.
10	at Arlington	6 p.m.
15	at Billerica	(Veterans Rink)
17	Lincoln-Sudbury	7:30 p.m.
20	at Chelmsford	4:30 p.m.
27	at Everett	5 p.m.
31	Wilmington	7:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

3	at Waltham	TBA
7	at Westford Academy	6 p.m.
10	at Arlington	(Tyngsboro Skate 3)
12	Wellesley	5:45 p.m.
17	at Lincoln-Sudbury	7:30 p.m.
20	at Canton	(Valley Sports Arena)
22	at Boston Latin	TBA

Head Coach: **Bill McCarthy**  
Assistant Coaches: **Paul Sacco, Biff Shea**  
Record Last Year: **16-5-2**

## BOYS HOCKEY

(Home Games at Valley Forum)

**DECEMBER**

13	Boston Latin	8 p.m.
20	Dracut	7 p.m.
27-28	at Salem, N.H. Holiday Tournament, vs. Timberlane Reg. (Salem Ice Center)	

**JANUARY**

at Salem NH Holiday Tournament vs. Pinkerton Academy

3	at Lincoln-Sudbury	6 p.m.
6	at Haverhill	6 p.m.
10	at Billerica	8 p.m.
13	Methuen	3 p.m.
17	Wakefield	7 p.m.
20	at Tewksbury	6:30 p.m.
24	Central Catholic	7 p.m.
27	at Boston Latin	5:15 p.m.
31	at Lowell	6 p.m.

(Tsongas Arena)

**FEBRUARY**

3	at Lincoln-Sudbury	7:40 p.m.
7	Haverhill	7 p.m.
10	at Methuen	1 p.m.
14	Chelmsford	7 p.m.
17-18	at Martha's Vineyard Tournament, opponents & times TBA (Oak Bluffs Arena)	
21	Tewksbury	3:20 p.m.

Head Coach: **Marlo Martiniello**  
Assistant Coach: **Scott Manty**  
JV Coach: **Mark Mullen**  
Record Last Year: **14-6-2**

## GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

(Home Meets at Collins Field House)

**DECEMBER**

12	Billerica	3:30 p.m.
16	at Winter Festival	10 a.m.

(Reggie Lewis Track Center, Roxbury)

**JANUARY**

3	Chelmsford	3:30 p.m.
6	at Dartmouth Relays, time TBA (Dartmouth College)	
7	at Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 9:30 a.m. (Lewis Center)	
9	Central Catholic	3:30 p.m.
14	at State Coaches Division 1 Relays, time TBA (Lewis Center)	
18	Lowell	3:30 p.m.
23	Haverhill	3:30 p.m.
28	at McIntyre Elite Relays, time TBA (Lewis Center)	
30	Tewksbury	3:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

9	at State Coaches Invitational, 9:30 a.m. (Lewis Center)	
12	at State Coaches Elite Relays, 9:30 a.m. (Lewis Center)	
16	at MIAA Division 1 Meet, 5 p.m. (Lewis Center)	
23	at All-State Championship Meet, 5 p.m. (Lewis Center)	

**MARCH**

2	at New England Championship Meet, 5 p.m. (Lewis Center)	
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Head Coach: **Peter Comeau**  
Assistant Coaches: **Art Ivorsley, Brenda Clark-Warne, Tim Thomas, Phil Capodilupo, Scott Price**  
Record Last Year: **6-1**

## BOYS INDOOR TRACK

(Home Meets at Collins Field House)

**DECEMBER**

12	Billerica	3:30 p.m.
16	at Winter Festival	10 a.m.
19	Dracut	3:30 p.m.

**JANUARY**

3	Chelmsford	3:30 p.m.
6	at Dartmouth Relays, time TBA (Dartmouth College)	
7	at Freshman/Sophomore Meet, 9:30 a.m. (Lewis Center)	
9	Central Catholic	3:30 p.m.
14	at State Coaches Division 1 Relays, time TBA (Lewis Center)	
18	Lowell	3:30 p.m.
23	Haverhill	3:30 p.m.
28	at McIntyre Elite Relays, time TBA (Lewis Center)	
30	Tewksbury	3:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

3	at State Coaches Invitational, 9:30 a.m. (Lewis Center)	
4	at State Coaches Elite Relays, 9:30 a.m. (Lewis Center)	
12	at MVC Championship Meet, 4 p.m. (Lewis Center)	
16	at MIAA Division 1 Meet, 5 p.m. (Lewis Center)	
23	at All-State Championship Meet, 5 p.m. (Lewis Center)	

**MARCH**

2	at New England Championship Meet, 5 p.m. (Lewis Center)	
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Head Coach: **Peter Comeau**  
Assistant Coaches: **Art Ivorsley**

Brenda Clark-Warne, Tim Thomas, Phil Capodilupo, Scott Price.  
Record Last Year: **7-0**

## BOYS SWIM & DIVE

(Home Meets at Gr. Lawrence Vo Tech)

**DECEMBER**

12	at MVC Time Trials	4 p.m.
15	Belmont	3:30 p.m.
19	at Boston College High	4 p.m.
28	at Haverhill Holiday Classic, noon (White Natatorium)	

**JANUARY**

3	Central Catholic	3:30 p.m.
9	Reading	3:30 p.m.
12	at Lowell	3:30 p.m.
16	at Lexington	6:15 p.m.
23	at Acton-Boxboro	4 p.m.
26	at Haverhill	3:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

2	Chelmsford	3:30 p.m.
5	at Xaverian High	3:30 p.m.
9	at MVC Championship Meet, 4 p.m. (White Natatorium, Haverhill)	
17	at North Sectional Championship Meet, time TBA (M.I.T. Zesiger Aquatic Center)	
23	at All-State Championship Meet, time & site TBA	

Head Coach: **Mark Taffe**  
Assistant Coach: **Adam Noskal**  
Record Last Year: **9-0-1**

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

(Home Meets at Northeast Gymnastics Club)

**DECEMBER**

27	at Salem, N.H., time TBA (non-league)	
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**JANUARY**

8	at Lowell	7 p.m.
11	Dracut	7 p.m.
18	at Methuen	7 p.m.
22	Chelmsford	7 p.m.
25	Billerica	7 p.m.
29	Acton-Boxboro	7 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

1	at Central Catholic	7 p.m.
2	at MVC JV Meet	6 p.m.
8	Tewksbury	7 p.m.
10	at MVC Championship Meet, 2 p.m. (Dracut High)	

Head Coach: **Kristen Vadala** (1st year)  
Assistant Coach: **Tracy Vadala**  
Record Last Year: **9-2**

## BOYS GYMNASTICS

(Home Meets at Dunn Gym)

**JANUARY**

10	Burlington	7 p.m.
16	at Braintree	7 p.m.
17	Newton	7 p.m.
20	at Salem, N.H. Invitational	10 a.m.
29	Lowell & Attleboro	7 p.m.
30	at Salem, N.H.	5 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

5	at Revere	7 p.m.
8	at Eastern Mass. League Individual Championship Meet, 7 p.m. (Lowell High)	
15	at State Team Championship Meet, 7 p.m. (Burlington High)	

Head Coach: **Jack Gleason**  
Assistant Coach: **Steve Sirois**  
Record Last Year: **0-7**

## GIRLS ALPINE SKIING

(All Meets at Bradford Hill)

**JANUARY**

8	Austin Prep & North Andover	3:30 p.m.
10	Bishop Fenwick	3:30 p.m.
17	Haverhill	3:30 p.m.
25	Masconomet Regional	3:30 p.m.
29	North Andover & Austin Prep	3:30 p.m.
31	Bishop Fenwick & Haverhill	3:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

5	Masconomet Regional	3:30 p.m.
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13 Interscholastics 3:30 p.m.  
15 Bove Memorial Race 3:30 p.m.  
28 All-State Team & Individual Championship Meet 10 a.m. (at Berkshire East, Charlemont)

Head Coach: **Tom Busta**  
Assistant Coach: **Lisa Tylus**  
Record Last Year: **9-1**

## BOYS ALPINE SKIING

(All Meets at Bradford Hill)

**JANUARY**

9	Masconomet Regional	3:30 p.m.
11	North Andover & St. John's Prep	3:30 p.m.
16	Haverhill	3:30 p.m.
18	Bishop Fenwick	3:30 p.m.
26	Masconomet Regional	3:30 p.m.
30	St. John's Prep & North Andover	3:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

6	Bishop Fenwick & Haverhill	3:30 p.m.
13	Interscholastics	3:30 p.m.
15	Bove Memorial Race	3:30 p.m.
28	All-State Team & Individual Championship Meet 10 a.m. (at Berkshire East, Charlemont)	

Head Coach: **Tom Busta**  
Assistant Coach: **Lisa Tylus**  
Record Last Year: **8-4**

## GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

**DECEMBER**

12	at Methuen	3:30 p.m.
15	Haverhill	3:30 p.m.
19	Dracut	3:30 p.m.

**JANUARY**

2	at Tewksbury	3:30 p.m.
5	at Central Catholic	3:30 p.m.
9	Chelmsford	3:30 p.m.
12	Lowell	3:30 p.m.
16	Billerica	3:30 p.m.
23	at Lawrence	5 p.m.
26	Methuen	3:30 p.m.
30	at Haverhill	3:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

2	Central Catholic	5 p.m.
6	at Lowell	3:30 p.m.
9	at Chelmsford	4 p.m.
13	at Lawrence	5 p.m.

Coaches: **Colleen Sheehy & Jen Aylward**

## BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

**DECEMBER**

12	at Methuen	4:45 p.m.
15	Haverhill	4:45 p.m.
19	Dracut	4:45 p.m.

**JANUARY**

2	at Tewksbury	4:45 p.m.
5	at Central Catholic	4:45 p.m.
9	Chelmsford	4:45 p.m.
12	Lowell	4:45 p.m.
16	Billerica	4:45 p.m.
23	at Lawrence	5:30 p.m.
26	Methuen	4:45 p.m.
30	at Haverhill	4:45 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

2	Central Catholic	4:45 p.m.
6	at Lowell	4:45 p.m.
9	at Chelmsford	4 p.m.
13	at Lawrence	5:30 p.m.

Coach: **Alan Hibino**

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# Sports

Andover Volleyball Club plans to field 16 teams in 2007

## Feeding AHS volleyball success: the Andover Pumas

By Brian Messenger

**T**HE ANDOVER PUMAS aren't just a local volleyball club. They're part of a regional volleyball think tank, run by a married couple who met — where else? — on the volleyball court.

Steve McRoy met his future wife Bonnie Zeigler in New Jersey, when he picked her for his team at their company's club team volleyball draft.

Now married and living in Andover with two children ages 19 and 15, with six years of experience playing volleyball for Andover High School between them, the couple will oversee 200 girls this weekend and the next as they try out for the Andover Volleyball Club, which McRoy and Zeigler founded in 2003.

Giving girls ages 12 to 18 from Andover to Arlington a chance to hone their skills with the AVC has only been a part of the couple's volunteer volleyball effort. Since 1995, they've taught the sport through extracurricular programs at Sanborn and High Plain elementary schools, as well as at West and Wood Hill middle schools.

With plans to field 16 teams in 2007 in regional club tournaments, the AVC, which includes the Pumas Junior Olympic level program, has brought together upwards of 25 coaches, a group of volleyball minds always eager to toss around new schemes and teaching ideas.

"One of the things that is so special about the Pumas is that the coaches are really a team unto themselves," said Zeigler. "We really draw a lot of energy from one another."

"The exchange of ideas is remarkable."

AHS varsity volleyball coach George Sullivan can attest to the positive impact the AVC has had on his program. Thirteen out of 15 members of this year's 22-2 squad played with the Pumas.

"It has been a feeder program — giving the kids the basics, which they need," said Sullivan. "The Pumas have helped a lot in doing that."

According to Sullivan, in most high school sports today the competitive level is rising higher, to the point where kids need to gain experience beyond their school's programs to stay on par with other athletes. The AVC improves the play of not just Andover kids, but student-athletes in close to 30 different communities.

"They now realize, 'If I want to get better, I need to do more than just show up for [school] volleyball,'" he said.

Through his experience as the club director, McRoy has seen the same rise in competition.

"A lot of the kids who play off-season are the ones who excel in high school," said McRoy.

A non-profit organization, the AVC is run by volunteers and charges participating athletes a fee to cover facility and refereeing costs. Its season consists of an 18-week practice schedule and five tournaments.

"In Andover, I think the success of both the Andover High School girls' and boys' teams have captured a lot of people's imagination," said Zeigler.

"What I think we bring to the table is we teach volleyball fundamentals," she said. "We give the young people the same respect as the oldest players."

"They've been very unselfish," said Sullivan.



These are the two teams (Ivory and Magenta) that placed at the top of the NERVA 12U division in 2006. The coaches are Ted Werth (Magenta) and Jack Grosslein (Ivory, on the right).

"They've worked hard. They've volunteered a lot. They love the game of volleyball."

And thanks to the efforts of Zeigler and McRoy, so

do a lot more kids too.

"It's a thinking person's game," said Zeigler. "A lot of kids really like it."

### AHS PREVIEWS

## Expectations high for the new season

Coaches cobbling together the right mix of experienced players, talent, luck and patience

By Rick Harrison

The Townsman today begins previews of Andover High varsity teams for the 2006-07 school season by taking a look at girls' and boys' basketball and soccer.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**W**inning becomes much harder when (a) it is expected and (b) every opposing team feels beating you will make its season a success.

Such is the challenge faced almost every winter by the Andover High girls varsity basketball team — a "victim" of its own unquenchable excellence.

"We need a mind set," said 12th-year head coach Tim Tildsley, as his team prepped for its 2006-07 opener next week. "We need to go out on the floor every night expecting to be good and expecting to win."

"We have to play with a sense of urgency. We have to be physically tough and mentally alert every game."

The Lady Warriors have most players back (four graduates) from last year's 21-1 team, which went 20-0 during the regular season and hammered Cambridge Rindge & Latin (69-46) in the first round of the Division 1 North Tournament before bowing to familiar archrival Lowell, 44-42, in overtime.

Along the way AHS annexed three tournament titles, beating Holy Name of Worcester (60-49) and host Gardner (72-30) in the early-season Gardner Invitational; Salem, N.H. (64-47) and North Andover (54-26) in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Festival; and Needham (66-54) and Gloucester (54-47) in the late-season St. Mary's of Lynn Invitational.

Which means the Lady Warriors have set themselves up with the proverbial "tough act to follow."

But it's nothing new for Tildsley, coached AHS teams, a spectacular 222-35 during his tenure (.864 winning percentage) with 11 straight MIAA tourney appearances, eight Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 titles, three Division 1 North crowns, back-to-back State finals (2002-2003) and a State championship (2002).

There have also been seven 20-win sea-

sons, and the Lady Warriors enter this campaign with a 21-game regular season win streak dating back to a 58-53 loss to Gardner on Feb. 14, 2005.

"Last year we were supposed to do OK but not as well as we did," said Tildsley. "Our motivation was to prove everyone wrong (by overachieving). A sense of urgency and the correct mentality were in place."

"This year we're a marked team (once again) — like our girls swimmers. I give them a lot of credit. Every year they're expected to win it all and they do. That's not easy."

The Lady Warrior hoopers appear to be the complete package — boasting a plethora of pluses.

"We have four returning starters, lots of varsity experience, good quickness and athleticism," said Tildsley. "Also on our side are proven shooting ability, pride and the tradition we've established."

"The job is to put it all to use in the best way possible."

"And, no matter how good a team is, you need some luck along the way," added Tildsley.

"We have to work hard on rebounding. Overall we're small — with no six-footers — which puts even more emphasis on the shooting, quickness and defense."

Andover has become known throughout the region for its suffocating man-to-man and zone pressure defenses. This year should do nothing to alter that reputation.

The program attracted 73 candidates this year.

The four graduates were captains Emily Pallotta (now at Boston University), who fought through leg injuries most of the season, and Kelly O'Dea (St. Anselm) along with Jen Merinder (Union) and Sara Kelleher (Quinnipiac).

O'Dea and Merinder both played collegiate volleyball this fall.

The four returning starters are last year's four top scorers, senior guard and Capt. Maggie Cosgrove (5'6"), junior guard Meghan Thomann (5'8"), junior guard Laura Renfro (5'7") and junior center Lauren Hughes (5'10").

Thomann and Sacred Heart University-bound Cosgrove, both devastating long-range shooters, netted 308 and 276 points respectively, with Thomann nailing 71 three-pointers and Cosgrove 27.

Cosgrove enters the season with 613 career points in three seasons, while Thomann has scored 546 in just two years.

Renfro contributed 184 points, including 37 treys, and Hughes 143.

Other returning letterwinners are senior guard Sarah LoMedico (5'6"), senior forward Kasey O'Dea (5'8"), junior guards Ilana Cohen (5'7") and Kelly Driscoll (5'6"), junior forwards Amanda Fantini (5'10"), Camille Fantini (5'7") and Jordy Shoemaker (5'8").

The Fantini sisters scored 64 (Amanda) and 58 points last winter.

Completing the 13-player varsity roster are two newcomers, junior guard Catherine LoMedico (5'6") and junior forward Kit Heinrich (5'8").

"This is the first year we have no sophomores or freshmen on the varsity," noted Tildsley.

The locals went through some grueling practices last week.

"We were really tough on them — especially the first couple of days," said Tildsley. "They were long, hard sessions intended to build the kind of work ethic we need. No one complained. They responded well."

The Lady Warriors scrimmaged Norwich, Conn. High and Arlington Catholic this past weekend.

"Norwich handed it to us for one half," said Tildsley. "But we played well after that. Against a good, veteran Arlington Catholic team we saw a lot of things we liked."

Other scrimmages are set at Exeter, N.H. High (yesterday), home versus Melrose (today) and Lynn Classical (tomorrow).

The regular season opens next Tuesday (Dec. 12) at home against Dracut (7:30 p.m. varsity tipoff).

Three other MVC games are scheduled over the following week versus Lawrence at the newly-resurfaced/renovated Dunn Gym (Dec. 14), at Haverhill (Dec. 15) and at Tewksbury (Dec. 19).

The expanded eight-team Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament, which AHS has won (under the four-team format) 14 of the last 17 years, is Dec. 23-30 at Methuen.

Seeding and drawings for the holiday event are scheduled for next Monday.

The Lady Warriors will also play a non-leaguer at Somerville on Feb. 12.

The inaugural four-team "Warrior Classic" (girls and boys divisions) will complete the regular season Feb. 18-19, with Andover joined by Ponagansett High and LaSalle Academy of Rhode Island and Archbishop Williams of Braintree.

"I love our schedule and the new look at the Dunn," said Tildsley. "We're anxious to get going."

Tildsley sees a veteran Lowell team, whose only key loss was a big one in top player Courtney Schermerhorn, as the major MVC challenger. Central Catholic and Billerica should also be strong.

Returning to the coaching staff are Leo Lafond (JVs), Jen Aylward and Colleen Sheehy (freshmen), and Dick Muller (volunteer varsity assistant).

### BOYS BASKETBALL

That thunderous crash heard late last spring around Andover High was the sound of the Golden Warriors' boys varsity basketball team tumbling from the stratosphere back to earth.

With six players graduating, including three who combined for 1,056 points last winter, AHS has a different look this season.

The new sound echoing through the Dunn Gym these days is one of hammer and nails, as head coach Dave Fazio and assistant Dave Giribaldi pound away to reconstruct the 2006-07 squad.

Odds are the highly-successful coaching duo will get the job done — and the current crop of blue-collar athletes will keep the locals a viable league and tournament contender.

Fazio, whose team went 17-6 last season including a strong showing in the brutal

Comcast Tournament and a split in the MIAA Division 1 North tourney, enters his 18th season at the helm with a superb 275-112 overall won-lost mark (.711 percentage).

His teams have won or shared eight Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 titles and qualified for the Division 1 North tourney 17 straight years (the most consecutive appearances in AHS program history).

Best friend Giribaldi, meanwhile, did an excellent job as head man during his recent stint at Lawrence High.

However, for Fazio to collect milestone win No. 300 this season, the Golden Warriors would have to go undefeated from opening game through state tourney final.

"The operative word for us this season is patience," said Fazio. "The plan is to hold our own in a very tough league — and make the tourney. We want to strive to be better than the team we play on each particular night."

"This is the first time in 18 years we have not been 'top-heavy.' This is a more balanced team. We have a bunch of solid athletes who are playing basketball — as opposed to pure basketball players like we've had in the past."

"There are no (Sean) Ryans, (Tommy) McLaughlins, (Chris and Greg) Vetrano or (Casey) Cosgroves," said Fazio. "Instead we have three outstanding football players and a couple of top soccer kids who also play basketball."

"It's going to be interesting and we're going to figure it all out. There will be a lot of teaching involved and some on-the-job training. It should be fun watching them develop as individual players and as a team."

The top graduates were Greg Vetrano (now playing with his brother at St. Anselm), Casey Cosgrove (Quinnipiac) and Bobby Hughes (Union).

"They were our 'Big 3' and we're obviously going to miss 'em," said Fazio.

Vetrano scored a team-high 411 points last winter and 1,086 for his career. Cosgrove had 393 last season, 823 career (he missed a half-season with an arm injury);

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

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and Hughes had 252 last year, netting 849 over four years.

Also gone are key contributors Sam and Max Ball, twin brothers both attending the University of Maryland, and Tyler Carroll (WPI).

There were 72 candidates this year including 22 juniors/seniors and 50 freshmen/sophomores.

The lone returning starter is senior guard and Capt. Ian Dempsey, who scored 149 points (20 threes) last winter.

Other lettermen who saw action are senior forward and Capt. Gordon DuBois (6'2"), junior forwards Chris Abreu (6'1"), Tristan Shannon (6'3") and Peter White (6'3"), junior guard/forward Greg Cook (6'0") and junior guard Derrick Beasley (6'0").

Shannon scored 116 points last year, Abreu 80 and White 80.

Dempsey is an All-Conference caliber soccer player, while DuBois and Beasley had outstanding fall campaigns for the 8-3 football team.

New to the varsity are senior guard Jason Perry (6'0"), junior guard Sam Hutchins (5'10"), junior forward Zach Burdeau (6'2") and sophomore forwards John Haak (6'3") and Kevin Polanco (6'2").

"We have a bunch of kids who are clones - all about the same height and solidly-built," said Fazio. "We're young, with only three seniors, and we also brought six freshman up to the JV team."

Andover scrimmaged Watertown last weekend, struggling a bit against the Red Raiders, and tomorrow the locals tangle with Manchester, N.H. Central.

The regular season opens next Tuesday night at Methuen (7:30 p.m. tipoff), followed by two more MVC games at the Dunn against Haverhill (Dec. 15) and Dracut (Dec. 19).

Former Central Catholic and Salem State College graduate and standout hoopster Fazio was head coach several years at Dracut in the late 1980's before coming to AHS.

The Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament, often a frustrating time for the Golden Warriors as Dec. 23-29 at the North Andover Field House.

Andover will launch the eight team tourney on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 2:30 p.m. against North Andover.

Other first-day matchups, all determined by a blind draw, are Pinkerton Academy vs. Salem, N.H.; Methuen vs. Central Catholic; and Lawrence vs. Greater Lawrence Tech.

Never a team to shy away from tough non-leaguers, AHS will also play Brockton at home (Jan. 19), J.D. O'Bryant of Boston at home

(Jan. 28) and Boston College High at UMass Boston in Dorchester (Feb. 9).

The inaugural four-team "Warrior Classic" (girls and boys divisions) will complete the regular season Feb. 17 and 19, with Andover joined by semifinal round opponent Malden High, Brookline and Boston Latin.

Fazio sees the entire MVC Division 1 as competitive this season.

"It's like the football conference where you never knew from week-to-week what was going to happen," noted the coach. "Lowell should be excellent. They had a good summer league showing and will be confident."

"You gotta buckle up for every game in our division," laughed Fazio. "And you have to 'hold court' - win your home games - to be successful."

Alan Hibino returns as the boys' freshman coach.

## BOYS HOCKEY

Two goaltenders, three defenseman and six forwards who saw plenty of ice time last year make the Andover High boys varsity hockey team a solid choice to contend for league honors once again this winter.

Head coach Mario Martiniello guided the Golden Warriors to a 14-6-2 record in 2005-06, good enough for second place (to Haverhill) in Division 2 of the Merrimack Valley/Dual County League and a spot in the Division 2 North Tournament.

After blasting North Andover, 7-0, in the first round the locals were edged out of the MIAA tourney by Gloucester, 3-1.

Martiniello's first AHS team missed post-season qualification by just two points, and he enters the current campaign with an overall 21-15-6 won-lost-tied mark.

"Goaltending should be a major strength this year, and we return two outstanding proven scorers at for-

ward and a pair of solid defensemen," said Martiniello.

"After that we're pretty much untested - and how far we go will likely be determined by how well the veterans play."

The eight top graduates from last year included Matt Colby and A.J. Drivas, now prepping at Bridgeton, Me. Academy and Northfield-Mt. Hermon respectively, Joe Benedix (Clemson), Austin Gilbert (University of Miami), Greg Carroll (Bentley College), Andrew Gatti (Connecticut College), Mike LaMagna (Loomis-Chaffee Prep) and Mike Ahern (Providence).

Colby and Drivas led the team in scoring last winter, the former with 18 goals, 21 assists (two hat tricks) and the latter 12 goals, 19 assists.

This year 71 candidates signed up.

Returning lettermen at forward are senior All-Conference choice and Capt. Tucker Mullin, senior Capt. Colin Brennan, senior P.J.

Paonessa, senior Dan Power, senior John Cahill and junior John Hyslip.

"Most of those kids can adapt to play center, right wing or left wing," said Martiniello. "We have a lot of versatility up front."

Mullin finished with 11 goals, 16 assists for 27 points last winter, while Hyslip had 11 goals, 11 assists.

Brennan, coming off a spectacular All-Scholastic season as No. 1 player on the undefeated golf team, had 1-6-7 points and Paonessa's 4-6.

Veteran defensemen are senior Dan Godefroi (1-7-8 points), junior Kevin Drew and sophomore Riki Retelle (1-5-6).

Godefroi, an All-Scholastic baseball pitcher headed to Georgetown University next fall, joined Mullin on the All-C conference squad.

In net the returnees are senior MV/DCL 2 All-Star Dan Abreu and junior Zach Frish.

Abreu, who transferred to AHS from Malden Catholic last year, posted four solo shutouts and combined on a fifth.

The Golden Warriors held 12 other opponents to just two goals and allowed only 30 goals in 22 games (1.64 average).

Varsity newcomers, most from a JV team that lost only three games, are junior goalie Nick Drew, sophomore forward Cam Smith, junior forwards Matt Perry, Ben Insak and C.J. Shea, junior defensemen Joe Kuta and Mike Taylor, sophomore forward Joe LaMagna, sophomore defenseman Rick Shamah, and freshmen forward Alex Patti.

Drew and Smith are both Central Catholic transfers.

Scrimmage games have been played against North Reading (two weekends) and Division 1 Andover Boxboro yesterday.

The regular season opens next Wednesday (Dec. 20) at home against MV/DCL 2 and Brockton Latin (8 p.m.).

The next game, at home, comes when AHS hosts MV/DCL 1 crossover opponent Dracut on Jan. 1.

Home games are also slated at the Merrimack Valley Forum, including Andover Lawrence Tech.

The Golden Warriors will compete in two tournaments, the first at the Salem, N.H. Center for the Performing Arts (Dec. 27-29).

The results over the six team tourney against Timberlane Regional at Plaistow, N.H. and home Pinkerton Academy of Derry, N.H. the following day. The third opponent will be determined by lottery from the open schools.

AHS also faces the Merrimack Valley and T. and T. tournament, first time Feb. 1-3.

Other teams in that four-school

field are North Reading, Franklin and host MVHS.

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"It's anyone's game after that," said the coach.

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AHS will have the season's first game on Saturday, Dec. 9, at home, against Malden Catholic.

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## Warriors strike gold on All-Conference team

The Andover High varsity football team was represented on the 2006 Merrimack Valley All-Conference team announced this week.

The top-tiered Warriors honored senior LB Tom, who was voted the MVC Defensive Player of the Year.

First-team selections on offense are senior quarterback Mike Pierce, junior wide receiver Matt Rayner and senior guard Jon Grant.

On defense, senior interior lineman Gordon D. Biers and junior Sam, who were named to the first team, and senior defensive end Alex, who was named to the first team.

Second-team selections are junior center Zach, senior tackle Brad, senior defensive end Mike, senior defensive end senior running back K. Mason.

Junior Brian, who was named second-team defensive back.

Coaches of the AHS team by earning a spot on the team are Chris, senior Peter, senior Corey, senior Mike, senior Corey, senior Joe, senior Joe, senior Joe.

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## ON TRACK



The Andover Public Schools Physical Education Department recently held its annual one-mile cross country fun run for students in the towns three middle schools: Doherty, West Middle and Wood Hill. The event, held on the AHS campus, was coordinated by head cross-country coach Leo Lafond and his coaches and athletes. The goal of the event was to foster friendly competition and promote physical fitness. The boys' race champion was Sean McQuillan of Wood Hill, and the girls' race champion was Jackie Alois of West Middle. Brian McNally, physical education director/co-athletic director congratulated the 100 student-athletes who participated in the event. He awarded the Warrior Cup Trophy to Doherty Middle School for winning the team championship for the fourth consecutive year. The Andover One-Mile Cross Country Run Champions for 2006 are: back row (from left) Mike Maldari, Jonathan Abbott, Alex Blake, Andrew Johnson, Mike Kapp, Scott Campbell, David Kou, Dan Yamamoto, Brian Knapp, John Kou, Will Klein, Andrew Erikson, Mark Zavri, Doug Lewis, An Huynh. Front row: Emma O'Leary, Katherine Barnes, Meghan Doherty, Jaclyn Torres, Helen Root, Eliza Lewis, Emma Keefe, Samantha Vano, Gina Sawaya, Maddy Tucker, Sarah Warne, Liz Pugliese. Unavailable for photo: Nadja Arifovic, Rae Bronenkant, Jamie Eulie, Kelsey Jamieson, Monica Paterson, Andrea Ravikumar and Sawyer Rogers. Team Doherty was coached by physical education teachers Phil Capodilupo and Katie Rurak.

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# Stott: Outdoorsman

**FRED STOTT**

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why did you marry me?" I don't think I gave him much of an answer, but it was shared values: love of being outside; [and] a big piece of it was his loyalty. You knew you could always count on him and he would never let you down," said Susan Stott.

Fred Stott was the type of person who always seemed younger than his age to acquaintances.

"When we got married someone made the comment to me, 'Are you sure you want to do this? You might only have 10 years [together]. We had 25. I'm not complaining,'" said Susan Stott.

The son of a Phillips Academy English teacher, Stott was born in Taylor Hall, later attending the academy himself and eventually devoted a great part of his career there. He served as the academy's secretary from 1950-1981, and also taught for a brief time at Governor Dummer Academy in South Byfield.

"It was the central work of his life," said his son, Sandy Stott of Concord. "He believed schools were where positive change could be realized - and that his contribution should be advocating for and building a good school."

A father to four children, the elder Stott is remembered as someone "with deep concerns for young people," said close friend Michael Morris Sr.

Morris recalled being at a meeting several years back, when Stott was called upon to lecture a group of children about his experiences in World War II. Wearing his Marine uniform, which still fit him, he laid out his collection of medals, including a Navy Cross, a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts, all earned during his participation in the invasions of Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima.

"Then he promptly spell-bound everyone by talking about his baseball experiences," Morris said. Over an hour later, his audience remained captivated. Yet Stott, ever humble, said

"We'll have to get together again sometime so I can tell you about Saipan and Iwo Jima, but right now I've got to run!" according to Morris.

Morris said such behavior was typical of his friend. "He was very proud to have been a Marine but was truly puzzled by the fact that the Corps saw fit to award him the Navy Cross and the Bronze Star and other decorations because he honestly felt he was only doing what he was supposed to be doing," Morris said.

His years in the military taught him what truly mattered in his life, his son said.

"His military service was so important because it was his introduction to what it means to serve others. Yes, he was a war hero but more importantly, he served others. And he applied that lesson to the rest of his life," said Sandy Stott.

"When he got out, he decided he wanted to serve the country in peace as well as in war. He figured politics was the place to do this," his son said. Living in California for five years, he worked with a political action committee in Los Angeles.

"When he moved back to Andover, he remained active, supporting many local candidates," Stott said. A close friend of former president George H.W. Bush, he was a known champion of local politicians such as Susan Tucker, John O'Brien, Barbara L'Italiani and Jim Shannon. Morris said Stott's interest in politics stemmed from his deep concerns for how future generations would face terrorism, global warming, national debt and the war in Iraq.

David Chase from Phillips Academy remembered Stott as "an extraordinary guy in many respects and with many interests."

An avid outdoorsman, Stott knew Andover better than most, Chase said.

"He remembered Andover when it was mostly a farm town," Chase said.

Given the nickname of "Fireball" due to his mastery of a slow pitch in baseball, Chase

said the nickname also applied to how Stott lived his life. "Fireball," I think described Fred as a man of action," he said.

Chase recalled sitting with Stott at one of the Phillips Academy baseball games and hearing him boisterously call out plays. "Nobody could call plays like Fred could," Chase laughed.

It was in the 1930s when Stott began his work with the Appalachian Mountain Club. He served as hut master on the side of Mount Madison in New Hampshire's White Mountains for several years, and spent six years on the board of directors, according to Clare O'Connell from the club's Boston chapter. In 2000, Stott was honored with the club's Lifetime Achievement Award; among his accomplishments during his 70 years in the club was founding its Precedence Society, for people who contribute \$1,000 or more.

"But he didn't like to be called a fundraiser - he preferred to be called an advocate," O'Connell said.

After his retirement from Phillips Academy, he was also a consultant for Massachusetts General Hospital and Wheaton College.

O'Connell said that she and Stott shared a love of hiking - and dogs. "Just last week I brought my dog out to visit him. He was so happy to be around a four-legged friend," she said. That love of dogs ultimately took him all the way to Alaska, where, already in his 70s, he attended the famed Iditarod Sled Dog Race four times, writing articles about it for local newspapers including the *Townsmen*.

"He thought dogs were about the best beings on the planet anyway, but when he went to check on the dog sled races, he discovered that men, women and dogs could all compete on the same playing field," his son, Sandy, said. "It was a model for how he thought the world could be."

A few years ago, Sandy Stott and his father returned to the hut on the side of Mount Madison, where Fred Stott had been a hut master almost six decades before.

"It took us five hours to get up there. When he was a young man it probably took him an hour and a half," Stott said. "But it seemed natural to him."

## OBITUARIES

### DEATHS

**Barbara J. Edmonds, 96**  
**Adele F. Mascott, 74**  
**Mairi Maeks, 65**  
**Angelo J. Pucci, 58**  
**Frederic A. Stott, 89**

### DEATHS ELSEWHERE

**EDMONDS** — Barbara J. "Bobbie" Edmonds, 96, of North Andover, died Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Haven Health Care in Derry, N.H. Family members include her daughter, Sarah Q. Yoshida of Andover.

**PUCCI** — Angelo J. Pucci, 58, of Salem, N.H., died Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. He had served on the board of directors for the Andover chapter of the credit union and was vice president.

### Frederic A. Stott

*Phillips Academy trustees called him "Mr. Andover"*

Frederic A. "Fred" Stott, 89, of Andover, known widely for his community involvement, his support of education, and his lifelong love of the mountains, died Friday, Dec. 1 at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, from complications of an abdominal aneurysm.

**Fred Stott**

Mr. Stott was a devoted family man, who snapped and shared thousands of photographs over the years with family members and friends.

Born in Andover, he graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover in 1936. Considered a "native son" of Phillips Academy, Mr. Stott was born in Taylor Hall and lived his childhood at the school, where his father, Frederic W.H. Stott, taught English. He was also the son of Ruth Binkerd Stott of Dayton, Ohio.

He graduated from Amherst College in 1940 and began his career teaching at Governor Dummer Academy in South Byfield.

During World War II, Mr. Stott served in the US Marine Corps, receiving the Navy Cross, the Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts for his distinguished service in the Pacific.

In 1946, he married Georganne Soutar, who died in 1981.

Following a brief stint working for a political action committee in California, Mr. Stott returned to Andover with his wife to begin a 30-year career at Phillips Academy.

At his retirement in 1981, he held the title of Secretary of the Academy, reflecting his strong leadership in the areas of development and publications. While at Phillips, he led a successful 1981 capital campaign, "Into Andover's Third Century," which raised a then-record \$52 million for the school. He also edited the academy's alumni magazine.

As a founding trustee of Editorial Projects in Education, he was instrumental in the launching of several prominent publications, including *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Education Week*, *Teacher Magazine*, and *Chronicle of Philanthropy*.

In 1965, just two years after the first American expedition reached the summit of Mount Everest, Mr. Stott and his wife trekked to the Everest base camp and up to 19,000 feet on Mount Pumori. The trek involved hiking 350 miles round-trip from base camp, guided only by native Sherpas, well before such trekking became commonplace.

Mr. Stott was an avid sports fan and competitor. He was captain of the Amherst College soccer team and a pitcher for the college baseball team.

After graduation, he pitched briefly for the Pawtucket minor league team.

An enthusiast of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race in Alaska, in large part because it provided a level playing field for both men and women competitors, Mr. Stott attended four races in the 1990s and provided articles and photographs for the *Andover Townsman*, the *Eagle-Tribune*, and the *Concord Monitor*.

His life was framed by his strong belief in service, to his family, his

community, his schools, his country, and the environment.

He was proud to have voted in every election since 1938, and he campaigned actively for many local and national candidates. He was particularly interested in promoting strong women for political office.

In 1982, he married Susan Garth (Comstock), and they continued to live in Andover, where Mr. Stott remained extremely active in town affairs. He served as a member of the town's Conservation Commission, Finance Committee, and two School Building Committees and was also treasurer of Andover's 350th Anniversary in 1996.

A strong advocate of education and conservation, he devoted many volunteer hours to the institutions he most admired, Phillips Academy of Andover, Amherst College, and the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), which honored him with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000.

In October 2006, Phillips Academy presented him with the following citation: "Let it be resolved that the Trustees of Phillips Academy do hereby express their gratitude to and their esteem and affection for Fred Stott. We are proud to call him Mr. Andover."

Members of his family include his wife, Susan Garth Stott of Andover; two sons and their wives, Frederic (Sandy) and Lucille Stott of Concord, Mass., and Peter and Louise Stott of Alexandria, N.H.; two daughters and their husbands, Sandra Comstock and Hugo Moreno of London, Ontario, and Anne and Ahmadou Thiam of Miami, Fla.; two sisters, Ruth Peters of Chestnut Hill, and Helen Spencer of Conway, Mass.; and seven grandchildren.

Following a private family burial, a memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Appalachian Mountain Club, 5 Joy St., Boston, MA 02108. Funeral arrangements are by the Dewhurst & Conte Funeral Home, Andover.

### Adele F. Mascott

*Lifelong Hadassah member; observance is today*

Adele F. (Feingold) Mascott, 74, of Andover, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Dec. 3 at Lawrence General Hospital.

The wife of Frederick H. Mascott, they celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on Oct. 30.

Born in Lynn, she was the daughter of the late Abraham and Freda (White) Feingold.

Mrs. Mascott received her early education in the Lynn Public Schools and was a graduate of Lynn English High School with the class of 1950.

She graduated from Boston University in 1954 with a liberal arts degree. Following her marriage, she settled in Lowell for 16 years before moving to Andover.

She was an active volunteer and member of Temple Emanuel, and was a lifelong member of Hadassah. Mrs. Mascott loved spending time with her family.

Members of her family include her husband, Frederick; three daughters, and sons-in-law, Debra and Steven Malchman of Framingham, Hope Mascott-Rosen and Alan Rosen of Andover, and Beth M. and Stephen Meltzer of Westborough; two grandchildren, Jared Rosen and Lindsay Rosen of Andover; and sister, Pauline Feingold of New York.

A memorial observance will be held today, Thursday, from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at their 24 Hemlock

St. home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc., 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701-4688.

Arrangements were by the Morse-Bayliss Funeral Home of Lowell.

### Mairi Maeks

*Advocate, humanitarian and nature lover*

Mairi Maeks, 65, died Monday, Dec. 4 at her home following a period of declining health.

Born in Cleveland, she attended school there, later earning a bachelor's degree in English literature and composition from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

On completion of her formal education, she relocated to Boston to begin a career in social justice and social services.

In her early years, she worked with the Associates for Human Resources in Concord, Mass., and for the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. For many years she served as executive director of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, an organization that empowers, protects, and educates women and seeks to create society-wide social change.

In the last 10 years, before no longer being able to work, she was employed with the YWCA of Greater Lawrence, where she was responsible for grant writing and managing fund-raising efforts, and helped to initiate many programs for women and girls, including those focused on domestic violence, teen mothers, and health issues.

One recent project was the \$5.5 million YWCA Fina House, a new four-story building containing 20 affordably priced apartments targeted for households headed by teen mothers. With a deep spiritual understanding and a profoundly compassionate approach, she was devoted to working for social justice for all, with a special emphasis on women and girls, her family said.

Ms. Maeks found spiritual sustenance in nature. The beautiful places of the Earth were a constant inspiration to her as she recognized the presence of their sacred spirit. She loved hiking in the mountains and spending time at the ocean. These are the places she called home.

Members of her family include her husband, Terry Anderson, and her daughter, Rosita Maeks-Anderson of Andover; parents, Peter and Mary Guth of Upland, Calif.; sister, Janet Hensley of Eugene, Ore.; three brothers, Peter John Guth of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., David Guth of Modesto, Calif., and Richard Guth of Houston, Texas; several aunts and uncles; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are today, Thursday, at 2 p.m. in Christ Church, 33 Central St., with the Rev. Ralph B. Galen of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover and the Rev. Jeffrey Shilling Gill from Christ Church in Andover both officiating.

Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to a fund established to provide assistance to Rosita's birth family in Lima, Peru. The Cotrina-Cuicapa family consists of mother, father, two girls, two boys, and grandmother. The family is desperately poor, living in a shack on a hillside outside Lima. Contributions may be made to The Cotrina-Cuicapa Fund, Banknorth, 451 Andover St., North Andover, MA 01845.

Arrangements are by the Diaz-Healy Funeral Home, 107 South Broadway, South Lawrence, MA 01843.

## Flame of faith burns brightly

Jewish people around the world observe Hanukkah for eight days starting on Dec. 16.

The holiday celebrates events in Jerusalem almost 2,200 years ago.

Syria was a powerful neighbor of Israel. The Greek king of Syria outlawed Jewish rituals and ordered them to worship Greek gods.

In 168 B.C., his troops captured the Jewish temple and turned it into a place to worship the Greek god Zeus.

The Jews fought back. The war went on for three years. The Jews won even though they had fewer men and weapons.

After the battles ended, Judah Maccabee and his soldiers went to the temple. Many items were broken or missing, including the golden menorah. They cleaned and repaired the temple.

When they finished, the people held a dedication ceremony. They had enough oil to light the menorah for only one night. Miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days.

In ancient times, menorahs used olive oil. Now, colorful candles are used.

Jews celebrate Hanukkah by lighting candles in a menorah each night. Blessings are said before the candles are lit.

Candles are placed in the menorah from right to left, but are lit from left to right. On the first night, one is lit. During the following seven days another candle is added each night until the eighth night, when all of the candles are burning.

A special candle, called the servant, is used to light all the other candles.

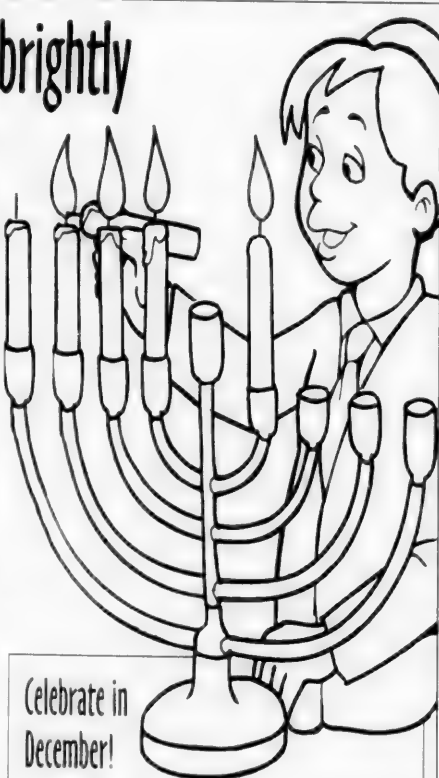
Hanukkah has other traditional symbols.

Children receive gelt, chocolate candy coins covered with gold paper, each night.

A dreidel is a four-sided top with Hebrew letters on the sides. It is used in a game of chance.

Latkes are potato pancakes fried in oil. They are crispy outside and tender inside. Latkes are served with sour cream or applesauce.

Sufganiyot are jelly donuts without a hole. Street vendors in Israel sell sufganiyot as Hanukkah nears.



**Celebrate in December!**

What is that candelabra with nine branches? Why do people hang stars on trees? Why does that basket have fruit and bread in it?

These are symbols of holidays celebrated by different religious and ethnic groups during December.

Today, the Kid looks at Hanukkah. This month, we will also learn about Christmas and Kwanzaa.

### Word scramble

Unscramble these words related to Hanukkah

NELDAC

NOREMAH

TELEPM

REDDILE

### Newspaper in Education activity

The Hanukkah story is a victory of "the little guy" over superior forces. Look through your newspaper for a story where an individual or group beat the odds to achieve success.

Write a paragraph describing a time when you overcame an obstacle to achieve success.



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## BRIEFS

### Law school takes on ABA

The Massachusetts School of Law's top two administrators were in Washington, D.C. Monday, urging the federal government to take away the American Bar Association's power to accredit law schools.

The association's standards, and the high tuition that law schools must charge to meet them, prevent many minorities, immigrants and working-class citizens from going to law school, Associate Dean Michael Coyne told the US Department of Education.

"There's a tendency to preclude new schools and schools that try to operate on a cost-effective basis," Coyne said in an interview. "We think that's wrong. It's going to make law school the province of the white and wealthy."

The average yearly tuition for an ABA law school in New England is \$30,000 while the Massachusetts School of Law's tuition is \$13,300.

Coyne and Founding Dean Lawrence R. Velvel went into Monday's hearing hoping to at least reduce the five-year extension the ABA sought for its accrediting power, and they got their wish. The association received an 18-month extension and must reapply to the Department of Education to keep its power after that time expires.

— Colin Steele

### State rep. proposes incentives for hydrogen businesses

State Rep. Barry R. Finegold wants companies that develop hydrogen fuel cells to receive financial incentives to create jobs in the state.

The Andover Democrat said he'll include financial and other incentives in legislation he'll file in January aimed at nurturing the growth of the nascent hydrogen power industry in Massachusetts and, specifically, North of Boston.

Hydrogen fuel cells are considered an attractive alternative to conventional fuel because they create energy while emitting water instead of pollution. The hope is within the next decade they can power everything from cars to office tower heating systems. In a meeting Monday with Eagle-Tribune Co. editors, Finegold said the cutting edge industry has the potential to be a job-creation engine for a region and state not rich in natural resources.

"Massachusetts doesn't grow wheat or corn, but what we have is brain power," Finegold said. "The question is can the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Merrimack Valley take advantage."

Finegold's bill would have the state extend job creation incentives currently used to attract biotechnology firms. To spur interest in hydrogen power, Finegold would provide tax credits to businesses and individuals that invest in hydrogen fuel, fuel-cell operated vehicles or hydrogen refueling stations. It also would create a pool of money to match federal research grants.

Karl Jensen, economic development officer at the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, said no specific programs exist to reward hydrogen firms.

Last year, Finegold secured \$1 million in state funding for the Massachusetts Hydrogen Coalition. The coalition, made up of technology firms, government agencies and area research colleges, this summer came out with a report on how to expand the industry.

— Edward Mason

### Be an angel at Danversbank

For the second year in a row, Danversbank is participating in The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Last year, Danversbank collected approximately 300 requested gift items for children in need. To assist with this cause, visit the Andover Danversbank branch at 18 Central St. and select an Angel card complete with a child's name, age and "Holiday Wish" item. All gifts must be returned to a branch by Thursday, Dec. 14.

### Town to charge \$100 for DVD

Digital copies of the town's geographic information are now available, but at a price.

The selectmen Monday night approved a plan to sell Andover's Geographic Information Systems data on CDs and DVDs. Laura DeGroot, the town's GIS coordinator, said the approved prices — \$75 for a CD and \$100 for a DVD — are "fair." State law does not allow communities to profit from selling their GIS data — a vast collection of electronic maps that show streets, property lines and other geographic features — but the charges will cover the cost of transferring the information from the town's computers to discs, DeGroot said.

— Colin Steele



The building that was home to the former Ground Round Restaurant on South Main Street has been demolished to make room for the Tokyo Japanese Steak House.

## Rebuilding from the Ground up

By Brian Messenger

Residents will have to wait at least a little longer to get a taste of the Japanese cuisine offered by Tokyo Steak House.

The Ground Round Restaurant has been torn down and steak house owner Ken Hoang is eager to start the construction of a new restaurant on the site off Route 28, South Main Street, near the North Reading border.

But he'll have to wait until the town's building division issues him a building permit, which Hoang hopes to receive sometime this month.

Initial plans to open the restau-

rant, which would be the third Tokyo Steak House restaurant and first in Massachusetts, have been bumped from July to August 2007, according to Hoang. The restaurant's other locations are in Salem and Nashua, N.H.

"We're anticipating to obtain the final building permit in December," said Hoang. "After the final building permit, the construction will be full blown."

Hoang has hired a contractor and said his architect and engineer are looking over the final issues related to obtaining the permit.

According to Andover's Building Inspector Kaija Gilmore, the

town's building division issued a detailed list of requirements based on the architect's initial drawings on Oct. 23. Calls made as recently as this week have yet to be returned, according to Gilmore.

"They owe us a lot of information," Gilmore said. "The ball is in their court right now."

Hoang has plans to build a 6,000-square-foot restaurant that will seat 160 people, which is more than 1,000 square feet larger than the former Ground Round facility.

"The process is ongoing," said Hoang. "Looks like we're going to be opening it by next August."

Gilmore said that Hoang's representative has been in contact with the town's building division, but she said she hasn't heard from him recently.

Tokyo Steak House is a former Ground Round location on South Main Street. Hoang said he plans to open the new restaurant after March 2007.

Construction of the new restaurant is expected to start in January, according to Hoang. The new restaurant would be a significant improvement over the former facility, which was known for its poor condition, said Gilmore.

## Like father, like son: Radulski opens law firm

By April Guilmet

When Peter Radulski was growing up in Andover, you might say his father, Walter, was his hero.

Following in his father's footsteps, Radulski earned his juris doctorate from Suffolk University. And, like his father, he accepted a position as staff counsel with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company following graduation.

Today the father and son have joined forces as Peter Radulski recently opened up his own law practice under the same roof as Walter Radulski's Lowell-based office. They plan to maintain two separate law practices out of the same office — for now, anyway.

"We'll gradually be merging them," Peter Radulski, a 1989 graduate of Andover High, said.

Originally from Lynn, the elder Radulski raised his four children in Andover. Peter always knew he'd follow in his father's footsteps.

"I grew up surrounded by it," he chuckled. But as he and his siblings grew up, "three went in completely other directions, while I followed my father."

In 1998, Peter graduated from Suffolk University, three decades after his father.

"Now I'll be guiding him through the process of starting a solo practice," Walter said.

Walter Radulski has been practicing law since 1968 and has been at the Lowell office since 1985.

Currently, both lawyers will offer a variety of services consistent with a general practice, including handling personal injury cases, Social Security and disability issues, elder planning and estate planning. Peter will add his experience in handling criminal law cases, and will soon be licensed to practice in New Hampshire.

"It makes sense, it's right on the border," said Walter. "Peter will be the man in New Hampshire."

As a civil litigation attorney, Peter Radulski has tried more than 50 cases to conclusion. "I want to follow in my father's footsteps by handling cases from a plaintiff's perspective," he said.

Peter lives in North Andover with his wife, Nicole. They have two sons: Peter Jr. is 4½ and Ryan is 2½.

"They're my two future lawyers," laughed Walter Radulski.

The law offices of Walter T. Radulski and Peter J. Radulski are located at 10 Bridge St. in Lowell.



Andover High graduate Peter Radulski (left) has followed in the footsteps of his father, Walter.

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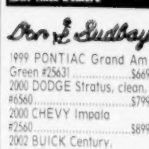
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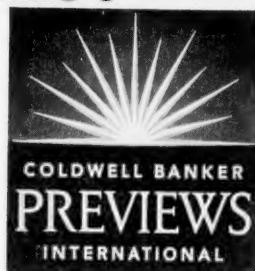
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Walk to Thomson School from this 6 room Cape, with attached garage, in a great neighborhood location. Three bedrooms, 2 full baths, HW flrs., FP in LR, updated kitchen, enclosed porch plus patio, fenced yard with inground pool. Perfect!

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### NO. ANDOVER - \$489,900

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Wonderful, updated, oversized Georgian Split Entry with pond views! Large granite counter kitchen, 4BR on one level, jalousie window sun room overlooks the pond, walk-out lower level FR with wood stove.

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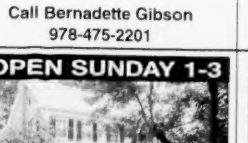


### NEW PRICE!

### ANDOVER - \$629,900

This open, spacious, luxurious, 3300 SF Townhome features new custom, granite gourmet kitchen and tile flooring. DR boasts HW flrs. and walls of glass. There are 4BR and 3 full BA, and a cozy lofted FR. Must see!

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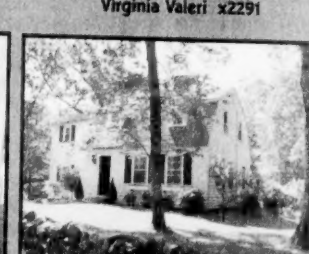
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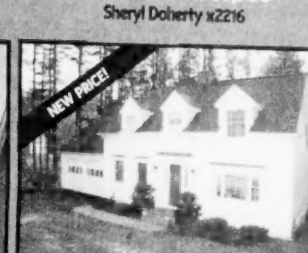
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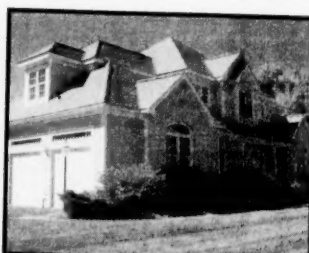
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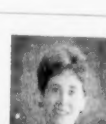
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## THE BACK PAGE

## Shawsheen was a whole different world from 'Andover'



Bill Dalton

When I was growing up in the middle of the 20th Century, Andover's distinctive parts were more pronounced. For instance, when we were in grade school at Central, we didn't know the kids in Shawsheen. (The exception to that was that kids from all over town went to St. Augustine's.)

If my friends and I went on a bicycle adventure, it was to the more remote parts of town, like Harold Parker, Fosters Pond, and West Andover. Shawsheen was near and offered little excitement to us. We went through Shawsheen by bus or car so often that it was very familiar and offered little adventure. On occasion, we visited Husseys Pond, but even then we would go with a group of our own friends. Each part of town was quite insular for its grade school students, but that changed when we reached junior high. Then, the kids from Shawsheen and the other parts of town came to our junior high, and we all got to know each other and made new friends.

Maury Shea and I have been exchanging e-mails for months. He was in the class of '49 at Pynchard High and went on to graduate from Merrimack in '53 and Villanova Law School in '56. After passing the Massachusetts Bar exam, he spent two years in the Army and then returned to New England where he had successful career in banking. He started in Boston, then continued on to Maine and New York before retiring in Naples, Fla. in 1993 (which he jokingly describes as his "tough life in Naples"). For much of his career he worked with Wally Haselton who was a major player in banking circles in the Northeast, especially Maine. In the 1950s, Mr. Haselton was a well-known, respected banker in Andover.

Mr. Shea has fond memories of Shawsheen, and says, "I grew up at 15 Union St. in Shawsheen. It was a different world from uptown. I was there from second grade until the fall of 1945 when we moved to 21 Pine St.

"Remember, parents were not driving kids everywhere as they do today. My family did not even have a car. If you lived in Shawsheen, you spent most of your time there. You spent the first six grades at the Shawsheen School and then took a public bus, from William Street corner in my case, to Andover Junior High School at a cost of

5 cents. For some reason Shawsheen was not entitled to a school bus. Most of the guys fought to get a paper route and when you got one it was like moving to New York City. The papers were delivered to us in Shawsheen Square where Mr. Jowett directed traffic. His son, Arthur, was in my class in Shawsheen. You had money of your own and could buy cigs at the [Balmoral] Spa! A favorite lunch was a Royal Crown Cola and a 'Black Moon' - a lot of food for 10 cents! You did not have sex education in school, but listening to the older guys taught one more than you needed to know!

"Junior high school changed the Shawsheen kids. Sporting events were uptown. Friday afternoon tea dances wreaked havoc with the paper route. Your new friends were living miles away. I was glad when my parents bought a house in 'Andover.'"

Mr. Shea said Mr. Simmers ran the Spa and he had two children, Valerie and Dick.

## Husseys Pond

Many people have good memories of Husseys Pond, including me. When William Wood created Shawsheen, he turned Husseys into a fine recreation spot by lining the bottom of the pond with cement and hiring lifeguards. I don't know when the famous kid's fishing derby started, but Husseys was stocked with fish in the spring and the fishing derby followed a short while later. The annual event went on for decades, and prizes were given out in different age categories for the biggest fish. In the winter, Husseys was a fine skating pond.

Mr. Shea spent a lot of time there. He says, "When I was younger we would leave Husseys and walk to the nearby Lowell Street playground for a bit and then come back for a swim. You could buy little cakes at the bakery on the way. We tried to play hockey in the winter, with no adult supervision and without special outfits. Imagine."

Maury Shea said he was friendly with Bob Phinney, Eddie O'Connor, and Joyce Demers (his Union Street neighbor), all from Shawsheen. He added, "Bob Phinney's Dad was a disc jockey at school dances." For many years, the Phinneys owned a successful record store and sold and

repaired TVs and radios. During the era when 45 records were at their peak and the early times of Hi-fi and stereo equipment, Phinneys was a downtown magnet for a generation of kids.

Bob Phinney was later known for his association with the Lanam Club (off North Main Street) where he was executive managing director. Recently, he was inducted into the Pynchard-Andover Hall of Fame. He and I have been friends for years - since the days I was buying records at his store.

I asked Maury Shea if he remembered Fred McCollum and he said he did and said, "Fred was a football star. We all knew the McCollum family [who lived on Enmore Street]."

Fred McCollum now lives in California and he gave us great information about the Crystal Ballroom that appeared in last week's column. Mr. McCollum has more memories about the Crystal Ballroom and Balmoral Spa. He said there were six bowling alleys below the Crystal Ballroom.

"Setting pins was a tough job. Five cents a line hopping from one pit to the other. Most of the pin boys came from South Lawrence, but I had to be ready to fill in," he said.

Fred McCollum's father managed the bowling operation and was assisted by Irving Piper. Both Fred's Dad and Mr. Piper worked in the Shawsheen Mill during the days, where Fred's father was the paymaster and Mr. Piper his assistant. Irving Piper would later become Andover's town clerk.

Mr. McCollum added some information about the Balmoral Spa: "Henry Simmers was the pharmacist in the '30s and then [the pharmacist was] a Mr. Bruillard. Dick and Valerie Simmers were brother and sister. Valerie was very good looking. I remember being a ball

boy at the Balmoral tennis courts for tournaments. I would get paid with tips from the players and best of all an Ice Cream Soda from Dick Simmers. The Spa was our hangout if you lived in the Village. In the summer time in the late '30s, my sister and I could hear the music if the wind was blowing

towards Enmore Street. My Dad said people came from all over to dance under the stars."

Although the McCollums have been gone from Andover for decades, Fred has fond memories and "likes to hear that Andover accent" when he speaks with Townies.

Mr. Simmers' daughter Valerie was remembered by more than one person as being a center of attention at dances at the Balmoral Spa. She was very popular. Fred McCollum said Valerie's brother "Dick Simmers, played football at Pynchard, probably around '39 or '40. He became a lawyer in Boston." Fred added that they lived on Enmore Street, the same street Fred grew up on.

Fred McCollum and his father and uncle were well-known athletes at Pynchard from 1916 to the late '40s. Fred remains an avid sports fan and plays some pretty good golf. He wrote to me that recently he visited with Bob Phinney and Walt Demers. Speaking of his family's association with my family, he said, "Your dad and my Uncle Fred were born the same year, 1899. I was born in 1928. My dad, George, was six years younger than his brother Fred. He mentioned the Dalton brothers many times while growing up in Andover."

Mr. McCollum and I had close ties with the legendary Andover English teacher Bernard Kellmurray, who served as a mentor to both of us. To keep Fred in Andover during his senior year at Pynchard, he lived with the Kellmurrays. (An earlier column I wrote about Bernard Kellmurray can be seen at [billdaltononline.com](http://billdaltononline.com).)

Fred recently said to me that he started getting the *Townsmen* again and enjoys reading about Andover. He added, "Even though I left Andover many years ago, I have strong roots there." This is a recurring sentiment I hear from many former residents. (If you read this online, you can subscribe to the *Townsmen* by going online to the Web site: [andovertownsmen.com](http://andovertownsmen.com).)

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